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Terezin concentration camp, Czechoslovakia: A stone menorah stands amidst symbolic gravestones. [Photo courtesy of Bedrich Grunzweig who lost most of his family, including his parents, at Terezin. His works are in the New York Museum of Modern Art and the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv]

Toronto to get gay shul

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A group of predominantly young people here is working to establish Canada's first formal congregation for Jewish gays, lesbians and bisexual Jews.

A formal naming ceremony for Congregation Keshet Shalom (Rainbow of Peace) is expected to take place later this year, following completion of legal incorporation for the congregation and its roughly 300 members.

The congregation has already replaced Chutzpah, a decade-old group that organized programs and religious services for Jewish gays and lesbians in Toronto, Keshet Shalom membership co-ordinator Michael Arkin told *The C/N* this month.

Once all the paperwork is done and the congregation is granted non-profit status and the right to issue tax receipts for donations (as all established synagogues enjoy), it will search for a permanent site and possibly a rabbi, Arkin added.

"By choosing the image of a rainbow to describe ourselves, Congregation Keshet Shalom recognizes and embraces the many 'colors' of our membership: our diverse religious, cultural, sexual, racial, political and class backgrounds and beliefs," says the latest issue of *Koleynu*, the group's newsletter.

"Offering many of the services of more established Toronto congregations, Keshet Shalom is truly a home for lesbian, gay and bisexual Jews."

When they first began meeting, Chutzpah members held Oneg Shabbat and other services in the Cecil

Street Community Centre. No shul in Toronto would provide them with space.

More recently, members, about 60 percent of whom are men, have met in the party room at a Gerrard Street condominium.

That's likely where they'll stay for awhile, Arkin said, adding that members would want a permanent home to be located downtown.

Membership fees in the new congregation are a modest \$45 per person annually, he pointed out.

Keshet Shalom will seek official constituency status within the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Arkin said.

It will also explore affiliating with an established religious movement, whether Conservative, Reform or Reconstructionist.

In the United States, Jewish congregations for homosexuals have encountered often bitter resistance in their quest for legitimacy.

In 1989, after a pitched, year-long battle, Atlanta's Bet Haverim Congregation was admitted to that city's Synagogue Council, but only on the condition it stop publicizing itself as a "gay synagogue."

That was after two traditional synagogues in the city threatened to quit the council if a congregation founded on a "Torah-aborrent" lifestyle was admitted.

A similar controversy erupted in Washington last year, when Orthodox rabbis lashed out against the admission to the city's Jewish Community Council of a congregation for gays and lesbians.

Arkin said his group will deal with resistance from the mainstream community "if or when we encounter it."

But "nothing will stop us from taking our place. We identify ourselves as Jews."

In 1989, Reform became the first Jewish movement and the largest Jewish or Christian body to openly welcome qualified gay and lesbian clergy into its ranks.

A year later, Conservative rabbis in the United States voted overwhelmingly to grant full civil equality to gay men and women and to welcome them in synagogues. But their resolution stressed that traditional Judaism affirms and recommends a heterosexual lifestyle.

Just last month, homosexuals won what may be their first-ever recognition in rabbinic law, when the Committee on Law and Jewish Standards of Conservative Judaism voted to accept a minority responsum by Rabbi Elliot Dorff of Los Angeles declaring that "we should no longer see homosexuality as a moral abomination."

However, the committee also adopted by a majority vote an opposing responsum by law committee chairman Joel Roth, reaffirming the biblical view of homosexuality as an abomination.

According to the procedures of the Conservative movement, both views are now legitimate and may be used as bases for action by Conservative rabbis and synagogues.

Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb, executive director of the Canadian Council of Reform Judaism, told *The C/N* he "can't see any reason" why an application for affiliation from Keshet Shalom would not be viewed favorably by his organization's members.

Rabbi Gottlieb said he "would be happy to hear" from Keshet Shalom.

Syria may allow Jews to leave

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Syria may soon permit its 4,500 Jews to emigrate, according to reports circulating among Syrian Jewish emigres here and in Israel.

The Jews of Damascus, long denied permission to emigrate, reportedly were given word on April 23 that they are now free to leave. Radio Damascus later reported that their release was imminent.

Israel Radio reported Sunday that three Jewish families left Syria for the United States last week. There was no confirmation, and the radio admitted it was too early to say if that was the start of an exodus.

The anticipation and excitement in emigre circles here and in Israel is tinged with fear, as Syrian Jewry activists caution that only seeing is believing. There has so far been no official confirmation from Syrian government sources.

In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir confirmed that there are "indications" that the Syrian government is prepared to permit Jews to travel freely abroad or emigrate if they wish. Shamir spoke at the weekly Cabinet meeting, where the issue was raised after the morning's newspapers ran the reported Syrian policy change on their front pages.

The reports made their way to Israel from Brooklyn's large Syrian Jewish community. Damascus Jews had telephoned relatives in Brooklyn with the news that senior police officials have informed them that henceforth Jews would have the same travel rights as all Syrian citizens.

The Damascus Jews sounded free of fear and inhibitions over the telephone, which in itself suggests that a major policy change is under way.

"We're hoping it's true," said Seymour Reich, chairman of the Task Force on Syrian Jewry of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. But he added: "We have not had any confirmation from Damascus or our State Department."

Reich said the indication of a real policy shift would be if whole families are permitted to leave, without being required to leave a family member behind.

Currently, Syrian Jews are permitted to travel abroad, but only if they leave behind both a deposit of several thousand dollars and a family member who can serve in effect as a hostage for their return. In addition, the process of applying for the required passport and visa can currently take years.

"At this point, the litmus test is seeing the people come out in numbers," said Alice Harary, president of the Council for Rescue of Syrian Jews. "The Jewish community in Brooklyn is ready for them."

There has also been speculation that Syrian President Hafez Assad may be making gestures to the Jewish community and Western public opinion to balance his overtures to Libya and threatened defiance of the American-led sanctions against the North African country.

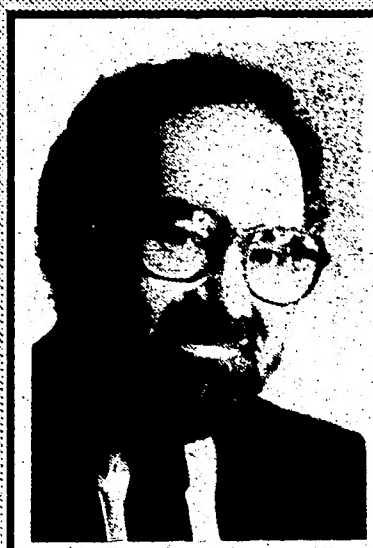
The reports that Syrian Jews have been given the right to leave followed by a week the release on Passover eve of the last two Syrian Jews held in prison, Eli and Selim Swed, brothers who had been jailed since 1987.

Jewish groups credited international pressure for their freedom. Four other imprisoned Syrian Jews were released in December as part of a general amnesty.



YIZKOR

Terezin: Fifty years later, a survivor remembers. [Bedrich Grunzweig photo]



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Leadership mission viewed as 'best ever'

JERUSALEM —

"It was like an infinity of mirrors," said Jack Chisvin, co-chairman of the recent Toronto community Leadership Mission to Israel. "Nobody quite expected the impact. It brought about all kinds of reactions and associations. Everybody cried."

He was referring to a meeting at Ben Gurion Airport with Russian immigrants who had just come to Israel on a direct flight from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). It was the Mission's emotional highlight.

"There was dancing on the tarmac," said Mission co-chairman Sheila Engel. "All of a sudden we were 'mishpacha,' one family."

On the bus, after greeting the newcomers, participants spontaneously came up to the microphone to share their feelings with others. Helen Borts, who was never in Israel before, spoke about her own background as a hidden child during Nazi Europe. Robert Engel, chairman of Toronto's Holocaust Remembrance Committee, recalled his concentration camp experience in Holland.

Coming on a mission, says Chisvin, who is president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, has little in common with regular tourism. "You are not here to be a tourist," he said. "For that, you can come back on your own." He was pleased that a number of "first-timers," who had not visited Israel previously, joined the Mission.

"Build on experience"

Chisvin and Engel both described it as the best community mission Toronto has had to date. Five officers of the Federation participated.

Community agencies represented included the Jewish Family and Child Service, the Board of Jewish Education, the Bernard Betel Centre, Baycrest, and NBC (National Budgeting Conference). Federation committees represented were Human Resource Development, and Planning & Allo-



At the Community Centre in Kfar Gvirol, Jack Chisvin holds a ceramics Menorah, presented to him by Gabriel Illianov (left), an immigrant artist from Riga, who came on aliyah 20 months ago. Illianov presented a gift also to Sheila Engel (right).

Federations share campaign strategy

MONTREAL —

For the first time, more than 110 representatives from all 10 federations and smaller communities across Canada met recently in Montreal to learn from one another and share initiatives for promoting successful campaigns.

The first national campaign leadership conference of the United Israel Appeal was chaired by Linda Nadolny-Cogan, chairman of UIA Women's Division. Speakers included Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors; Marvin Lender, national chairman of United Jewish Appeal in the United States; Baruch Gur, the Jewish Agency's director of operations in Eastern Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States; and Moshe Gur, director general of Keren Hayesod.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations in the United States gave the closing address.

Practical issues were addressed in a number of workshops. Danyael Cantor of Montreal's Combined Jewish Appeal and Mark Gryfe, campaign director of UIA Toronto, discussed the development of campaign strategies and tactics, dealing with donors, and dealing with volunteers. Other sessions included one on creative campaign innovations and fundraising, chaired by Sheila Engel of Toronto.

On the final day, participants from similar sized communities met to discuss how the information gained in the workshops could be put to use in their own campaigns. UIA lay leaders and staff were also present to address specific issues of concern.

Later that day, another first was

recorded when campaign professionals met to devise a plan for closer co-operation.

The conference was preceded by an all-day session of the Women's Division, with scholars-in-residence Arna Poupko, director of Living Judaism, Jewish Education Council, Montreal, and Rela Geffen Monson, dean for academic affairs of Gratz College, Philadelphia.

The conference attendees were particularly moved by a presentation, at the home of Sol and Mona Polachek, by six Montreal teenagers who described their experiences during the 1990 March of the Living in prose, poetry and song.

In summing up the conference, Nadolny-Cogan praised the hospitality of the conference's Montreal hosts.

"Their warmth from the very outset, when Ralph and Ety Bienstock hosted the Women's Division participants at their home, was the catalyst that buoyed the spirits of this gathering."

"There was every reason for gloom: a lingering recession, heightened anti-Semitism, the bedevilled relationship between the United States and Israel, the loan guarantee debacle... the list is long."

"Yet we came out of this conference heartened by what we learned and saw. In a very real sense, it was the coming together of our extended community and the discovery of our remarkable strengths and talents."

UIA Canada president Julia Koschitzky congratulated Nadolny-Cogan and the planning committee on the success of the conference. "It was a conference that exceeded our expectations," she said, adding that it would now become an annual event.

cations.

"A lot will depend on the follow-up in Toronto to build on the experience we've had here," Engel said.

For Chisvin, it was his 18th visit to Israel, and his seventh mission. "I'm a mission junkie," he said with a smile.

From his perspective as Federation President, it is important to be exposed first-hand to what is happening in Israel, and what the critical needs are. Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz told the group that the severe squeeze on cash is putting Agency operations among Jews in the CIS in danger.

This kind of input, said Chisvin, is important to have when it comes to the Federation's allocations process. It reinforces the commitment to Israel, at the time when there are so many differ-

ent demands on funds available.

One place to see what Toronto's involvement has created in Israel is its first Project Renewal commitment, Bet Dagan, visited by the Mission. Chisvin was involved when it was first proposed.

"It started out, more or less, as an economic transaction," he said. "Then it became a partnership. Now it's a family relationship." He credited Toronto's Project Renewal Committee, coming to Israel twice a year for a hands-on involvement in Project Renewal areas — Bet Dagan, Kfar Gvirol and Eilat.

While Renewal's impact on Bet Dagan can easily be appreciated, in Kfar Gvirol it is more recent. Engel sees the main change in the "community taking over responsibility" for the project

and its direction. Indifference is being replaced by involvement and caring.

Engel is encouraged by the range and numbers of participants in the programs offered at the Kfar Gvirol Community Centre, recently renovated with Toronto's support. "More and more people are coming, the quality is high," she said. "Gabbi Kafri, the director, is doing a marvelous job."

In a single week, the Mission covered what is happening in Israel today — from the Canada Centre in Metulla in the north ("A Russian youngster performing in the ice-skating rink") to the developments in Eilat.

To sum it up, in the words of Jack Chisvin: "To visit Israel on a mission is both a physical and a spiritual experience. My feelings are reconfirmed every time I am here."

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Situation in Germany disturbs community

By
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MUNICH —

"Jews are thinking of taking out their suitcases — again," sighs Yechiel Rackowski, executive director of this city's 5,000-member Jewish community. While he feels there's no real cause for worry just yet, or as long as Germany's economic motor continues to hum along, the level of intolerance and xenophobia in this nation of 80 million is "something I would not have believed one year ago."

It's no small task being Jewish in the country that hatched and helped perpetrate the Holocaust. Jews in Germany are all but invisible. Rarely do they participate in politics or big business; they do not populate the cultural, educational or social scene in large numbers, as they do in North America; and their opinions are hardly ever sought in matters of national concern. Lying low seems natural for this community of 30,000 souls.

Even the number of Jews in Germany is a matter for conjecture. Modern German society retains many remnants of Prussian regimentation. For one, all Germans are required to declare a religion on income tax forms in order for the government to transfer eight percent of their earnings to their respective church or religious community. This state-sponsored tithe, although not mandatory, turns a lot of people off (imagine the full-blown revolution such a measure would trigger in North America), so many Germans declare no religion or are officially atheist.

Some Jewish communal leaders feel there could be thousands more "unofficial" Jews in Germany — those who don't declare their faith, either to escape the church tax or to escape its perceived ominous overtones.

At the same time, 40 percent of the Munich community's operating budget comes from the federal, state and municipal governments. Other Jewish centres are similarly funded. Germany, or at least the former West Germany, seemed committed, following World War II, to keep alive the remnants of the country's pre-war Jewish population of 500,000, and that sentiment continues today.

The Berlin-based leader of the nation's Jewish community, 80-year-old Heinz Galinski, enjoys the respect of many politicians and power-brokers. It is said Chancellor Helmut Kohl takes Galinski's calls, though the two don't get along, partly because Galinski is a Social Democrat.

And German Jews are not as a rule discriminated against. For one, they are German. They "look" and speak German in a highly homogeneous society where just about everyone is white. Asked what would happen if someone sported a kipa in Munich, a newspaper editor who is Jewish remarked, "Nothing. No one here would know what a kipa is."

So why is German Jewry so jittery?

Experts cite several disquieting factors.

Perhaps the largest is unification, which is sapping the national treasury at a furious rate, much more so than officials first anticipated. Some estimates put the cost at 100 billion Deutschmarks over the next decade, an astronomical sum that would put the German debt at hitherto unthinkable levels. So there's less money to go around.

Then there's the massive social dislocation unification has caused over the past two years. As the bloated East struggles to catch up to the lean, mean West, unemployment in the former communist region has skyrocketed, especially among women. Crime is up sharply, as is resentment in the West that it has had to come "to the rescue" of a deteriorating, antiquated system. Some easterners resent greatly the fact that businesspeople from the West have been brought in to run former state-owned companies.

As Rackowski puts it, "My parents used to tell me that as long as there were Russian troops in the East and American troops in the West, the Jews would be safe." That sense of security has evaporated.

With the memory of former U.S. president Ronald Reagan's 1985 visit with Kohl to the Bitburg cemetery still freshly seared into the Jewish consciousness, the meeting here in late March between Kohl and Austrian president Kurt Waldheim delivered another bodyblow to German Jewry.

Concealed Nazi past

It seems no one knows exactly why Kohl accepted an invitation from Bavaria's state president to have lunch and shake hands with Waldheim, which no other leader outside the Arab world has been willing to do since the former United Nations secretary-general's concealed Nazi past was unearthed in 1986. But when German Jews protested, Kohl seemed to fly off the handle.

He hotly blasted his detractors and assailed the World Jewish Congress, which also inveighed against the meeting, as an enemy of German unification. He added that he, as Chancellor of all Germany, can meet anyone he pleases.

Now, Kohl is dismissed in many circles as a not-too-bright bumpkin who has said dim-witted things before (in Israel once, he said he was lucky for having been born "too late." Too late for what?) But the Waldheim episode hurt. Jewish leaders fear Kohl was reflecting the barely-hidden feelings of millions of Germans and pandering to the East, where reactionary sentiment is climbing.

In early April, another shocker: two radical right-wing parties were

elected to Western state parliaments. The Republicans, an anti-foreigner, anti-immigration party, won more than 11 percent of the vote in affluent Baden-Wurtemberg, shaking off the 20-year grip there of Kohl's governing Christian Democrats.

In Schleswig-Holstein the German People's Union, as close to being neo-Nazi as possible, polled seven percent and caused the Social Democrats to lose their majority there.

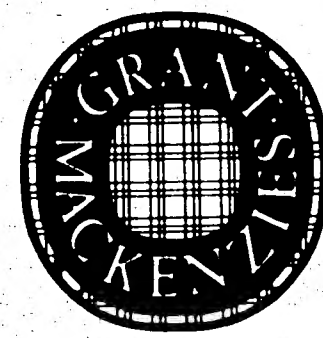
In all, the extreme right did better than in any election since 1949. The vote came at the same time as a federal report revealed that the number of attacks on foreigners in Germany rose fourfold in the first three months of 1992.

Another telling development is how Germany is handling its masses of immigrant workers and asylum-seekers. On the one hand, the country has the most liberal political asylum laws in Europe. Anyone claiming refugee status may stay and work for two years, after which his case must be proved. The country spends billions annually to house them in small, crackerbox row units called containers, which have quickly become slums. But recently, there was a suggestion that anyone seeking asylum in Germany be moved from those government-built dwellings and put into *sammellager*, or "collection camps." Maybe someone just dropped the ball, but one would think German officials would be sensitive about coining terms ending with *-lager*, such as the Third Reich's *Konzentrationslager* (concentration camp), but such is not the case.

That could be because Germans are just plain tired of being reminded of their past, even though there is an earnest effort to deal with it in education curricula and the media. Older Germans, almost to the person, will say their families were fiercely anti-Nazi but could not speak out, while younger ones simply refuse to be burdened by the guilt of their parents and grandparents. *Time* Magazine recently asked, "Can Germany ever do justice by anybody?"

The discomfiture expressed in Rackowski's veritable Sears catalogue of *tsuris* is perhaps best embodied in the fact that the Munich community's non-descript headquarters and its various facilities are protected by a crack, 12-member squad of former Israel Defence Forces members. Visitors are greeted by a security camera, bullet-proof glass and two Uzi-toting Israelis.

What Jews and many minorities also fear in Germany is Germany itself. The newly-united country will doubtless be the most powerful economic performer in the future European Community. Forty-five years of self-effacement and humility are slowly giving way to a renewed German assertiveness and muscle. As Winston Churchill once said, Germany is either at your feet or your throat. Many fear the country is slowly making the climb.



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Scheininger concerned over community's direction

By
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TORONTO —

Students of contemporary history are familiar with Dwight Eisenhower's "military-industrial complex" speech in which the outgoing U.S. president warned the nation of forces influencing the country's internal priorities and foreign policy.

President Les Scheininger will certainly never be mistaken for the U.S. commander-in-chief, but just as the U.S. president left office with a warning, the outgoing leader of Canadian Jewish Congress has also voiced his concerns over the direction community institutions are taking.

"I think we're moving to a point where the communal structures are becoming ends unto themselves," the Congress president said. "We're creating bureaucracies that have a tendency to grow. I think it's time we sat back and reassessed the purposes, goals and mandate of the communal structures and bureaucracies. The priority should be service to the community."

In a recent interview in which he looked back on his three-year term in office, Scheininger said that just as national Congress examined its priorities and accountability as a result of the Lithwick report, so too should other community organizations.

A similar streamlining and focusing should take place at the local level

in the major centres to ensure that services reach the people," he said.

Looking back on his tenure, Scheininger said that when he took office, he had a five-point agenda he planned to pursue: a program to enhance bilateral relations between Canada and Israel; pro-active political advocacy on issues of concern to the community; developing a presence for Canadian Jewry within Diaspora communities; maintaining and developing the Canadian community in large and smaller centres; and ensuring that domestic priorities like race relations and combatting anti-Semitism are addressed.

Scheininger said that although his tenure as president saw some controversy over whether Congress and B'nai Brith Canada were usurping the function of the Canada-Israel Committee when it came to lobbying for Israel, he was not too concerned about stepping on others' toes.

In the past three years, Congress has come a long way in presenting the case for Israel and educating the Canadian public and the country's leaders about the complex issues facing the Jewish state, he said.

A similar program of advocacy on other national issues involves an ongoing effort to cultivate ties with journalists, labor leaders, politicians and other ethnic communities, Scheininger said. "What we're looking for is long-



Les Scheininger talks to NDP Lynn McDonald at meetings with local MPs. [Graphic Artists photo]

term relationships and understanding" where the concerns of the Jewish community are understood and appreciated, he said.

The Canadian Jewish community has made strides in pushing for the rights of Syrian and Ethiopian Jews, and its opinions are well-received by other Jewish communities and by governments as well, he said. Congress has developed contacts with Jews in Romania, Hungary, the former Soviet Un-

ion, Yugoslavia, South Africa and Britain, and the local governments are familiar with the position taken by Congress, he said.

Turning to the national scene, Scheininger said he had continued on a path developed by former president Milton Harris, who pushed for national representation for Jews from across the country.

He predicted that the major "problem of the national community

will be that of assimilation and intermarriage and the ability of the community to respond to those issues. The best ammunition we have is Jewish education.

"I'm concerned that with the economic conditions and the shrinking dollars provided to Jewish education, to programs of Jewish identification and for youth (including campus youth) that we're not responding adequately as a community... to ensure that we do everything in our power to deal with assimilation and intermarriage," he said.

Scheininger suggested that in the last few years, the community has been falling short in its responsibility to provide Jewish education for all those who desired it. Jewish educational institutions are incurring deficits to run the program, Scheininger said, adding that while it is a federation (local) program, it has a major impact on the overall Jewish community.

Scheininger said that despite the problems faced by the community, Canadian Jews as a group are unified and committed to the principals of Judaism and Jewish survival.

He declined to comment on the future of Canadian Jewish Congress if Quebec separates from the rest of the country. "We're proceeding with the view that the country must remain united," he said. "We haven't addressed the issue of 'what if,' and hopefully we won't have to."

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

HUEBSCHER — SCHEIN — JAFFE

Sam Hebscher, of Hamilton, Ont. writes that his family name was Hipscher and, upon his father's arrival at Ellis Island, it was changed to Hebscher.

Actually the original name was Huebscher (pronounced Hipscher). Its meaning in Yiddish, derived from German, is handsome. It is descriptive like the Yiddish word Shane ("bei mir bist du Shane"), derived from the German Schoen, which also described a good-looking person.

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Abella, Zaionz acclaimed for top Congress positions

MONTREAL —

Prof. Irving Abella of Toronto has been acclaimed as president of Canadian Jewish Congress and will begin his three-year term at the conclusion of the organization's 23rd National Plenary Assembly May 20 to 24 at Toronto's Regal Constellation Hotel. He will succeed Les Scheininger as the 13th person to hold this office in CJC's 73-year history as the national representative organization of the Jewish community of Canada.

There were three other acclamations as nominations closed last week for the six elected national officer positions: Toronto chartered accountant Charles Zaionz, chairman of the national executive, Winnipeg lawyer Joseph J. Wilder, honorary counsel and Mira Koschitzky of Toronto, secretary.



Prof. Irving Abella

Seeking the position of associate chairman of the national executive will be David Attis of Moncton and Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa.

Running for the post of treasurer are Stanley Abbey of Montreal and Leonard Goldberg of Toronto. Meet-the-candidates sessions will take place at the Plenary Thursday evening May 21 (10 p.m.) and Friday morning May 22 (7:30 a.m.), to be followed by elections.

Abella, 52, is a professor of history at Glendon College of York

University, an institution he first joined in 1968. He is the co-author of *None Is Too Many: Canada and the Jews of Europe*, the bestselling account of Canada's poor record of admitting Jews during and after World War II. Two years ago he released *A Coat of Many Colours: Two Hundred Years of Jewish Life in Canada*.

Zaionz succeeds Moshe Ronen as chairman of the national executive. He is a past chairman of CJC's Ontario Region and for the past three years he was Congress national vice-president from Ontario.

He is a partner in the firm of Zaionz & Zaionz Chartered Accountants and president of Zaionz & Zaionz Management Consultants Inc.

Koschitzky has chaired the CJC National Israel Affairs Committee for the past five years. From 1986 to 1989 she chaired the Congress National Executive. She is also a past chair of the CJC Ontario Region.

Wilder is a partner in the law firm of Wilder, Wilder and Langtry. For the past six years he served first as co-chair then as chairman of the CJC National Joint Community Relations Committee. Last October he chaired the CJC National Youth and Racist Crime Conference in Ottawa. He is also a board member of the Canada-Israel Committee, a member of both the CJC National Officers' Committee and the CJC National Executive and a member of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council Board of Directors, for which he previously served as vice-president and honorary solicitor.

Attis is an original founder of Moncton's Central Business Development Corporation. A co-founder of the National Small Communities Committee of CJC, he is also a past national secretary of Congress and a past chairman and president of the Atlantic Jewish Council. For 10 years he has chaired the United Israel Appeal campaign in Moncton. Attis led the fight to have anti-Semitic Moncton school teacher Malcolm Ross relieved of his duties from the District 15 School Board. Rabbi Bulka has been the spiritual

leader of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa since 1967. He is presently the chairman of CJC's National Jews in Arab Lands Committee and co-chairman of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council Soviet Jewry Committee.



Charles Zaionz

Most recently, he has launched an inter-denominational initiative aimed at fostering a spirit of unity among Canadians, directed at close to 300 religious leaders in the country.

Abbey is the president of Philip Abbey Inc. and Abbey-Finestone, both insurance companies. He is a past president of Jewish Family Services of Baron de Hirsch and vice-chairman of Combined Jewish Appeal and previously served as a member of the executive committee for the insurance Brokers Association for the province of Quebec.

Goldberg is presently president of Leonard Goldberg and Associates, handling consultative work for fundraising organizations, the computer and food industry as well as other projects for public, governmental and non-profit institutions and organizations. A native of Johannesburg, South Africa, he has previously served as executive director of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue complex in Montreal and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

CJC Awards Committee to study nominations

MONTREAL —

The Awards Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Plenary Assembly is meeting this month to review the names submitted from across Canada.

In conjunction with the Plenary, to take place May 20 to 24 at Toronto's Regal Constellation Hotel, the Samuel Bronfman Medal, the Saul Hayes Human Rights Award, the Brian A. Finestone Memorial Award, the Monroe Abbey Award and the Sam Filer Distinguished Service Award will be handed out.

The Samuel Bronfman Medal is presented to persons who have rendered distinguished service to Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish community.

The Saul Hayes Human Rights Award may be given to any person regardless of origin, in Canada or abroad, who has rendered distinguished service to the cause of human rights.

The Brian A. Finestone Memorial Award was established by CJC national vice-president B. J. Finestone in the

memory of his son. It provides financial assistance to a deserving person, aged 25 to 40, to attend the Plenary Assembly. The award is to recognize past involvement and encourage ongoing and future participation in the activities of CJC.

Monroe Abbey's children established the award in his name. It provides financial assistance to deserving new leaders, aged 25 to 40, to attend the Plenary Assembly. The criteria are to be flexible and to reward past involvement and encourage ongoing and future participation in the activities of CJC.

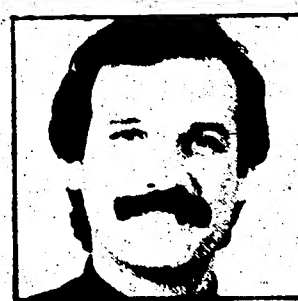
The Sam Filer Distinguished Service Award was awarded for the first time at the last Plenary to National Secretary Marjorie Blankstein of Winnipeg. It is given to a deserving Congress leader or other person from current Jewish community leadership.

Registration for the Plenary continues through CJC regions. For more information call (416) 635-2883, ext. 251 or (514) 931-7531.

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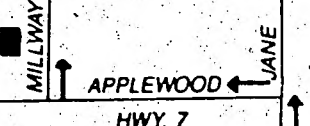
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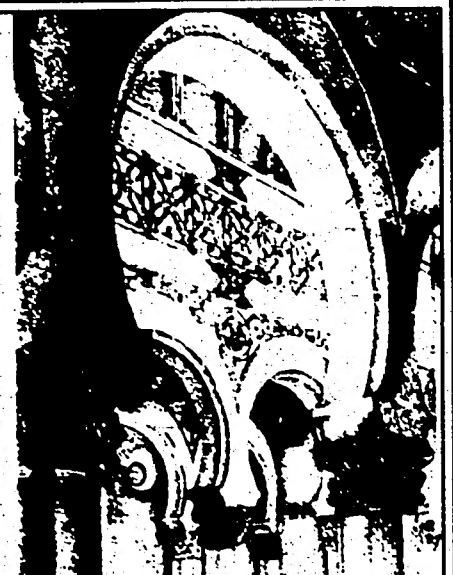
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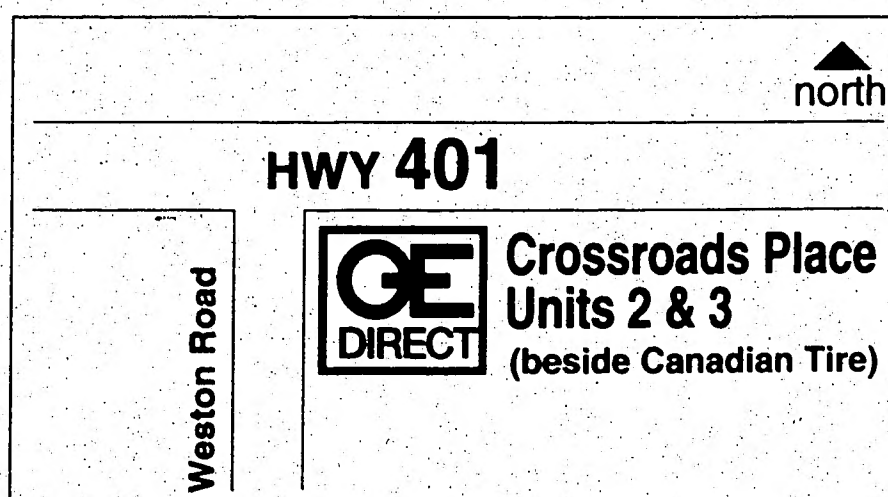
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New chair at Queen's U

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By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

KINGSTON —

A chair in Jewish studies has been established in the department of religion at Queen's University.

A chairholder has been appointed, pending official confirmation. The chairholder's identity will be announced later this year.

Queen's, and the local Jewish community, believe that a chair in Jewish studies will:

- enable the wider community to better understand Judaism, its relationship to Christianity and its role in the development of Western civilization.

- reveal the diversity of Jewish faith, philosophy and ethics.

- explain the critical role of Jews and Judaism in ancient and modern society.

- analyse the Jewish contribution

to law and social and political ideas.

- promote appreciation of Jewish contributions to literature, art and music.

It is envisaged that the chairholder will teach courses in intellectual history and religion and develop and coordinate "a new focus of interdisciplinary study" at Queen's.

The chair will reinforce, strengthen and support an existing program of Jewish studies. Herb Bassier, an ordained rabbi who lives in Toronto and commutes to Kingston, has been teaching Jewish studies at Queen's since 1979.

The chair's endowment fund will enable Queen's to augment its collection of books and journals related to Jewish studies, to bring in outside scholars for public lectures and seminars and to grant graduate fellowships.

A \$1 million fund-raising campaign was launched several years ago, after Queen's gave the chair its official stamp of approval. To date, \$850,000 has been raised.

The drive is under the chairmanship of Irving Rosen, president of Kimco Steel Sales Ltd. His wife, Regina Rosen, a graduate of Queen's, is chairperson of the advisory com-

mittee.

In an interview, Regina Rosen said that funds have been raised by Jews and Christians and by alumni throughout North America.

Queen's, she added, has agreed to pay half the chairholder's salary in perpetuity. "The university has been incredibly, incredibly supportive."

The Rosens have themselves funded a lecture series on Jewish themes and issues.

Aubrey Groll, a Queen's professor and member of the advisory committee, hopes the chair will generate interest in, and knowledge of, Judaism, and help alleviate anti-Semitism. As he put it, "Only by education can you overcome bigotry."

Michael Levison, the lay spiritual leader of Kingston's Reform temple and head of the university's computing and information science department, speculates that the chair may well "raise awareness" of Jewish studies at Queen's.

Although the chair elicits broad appeal, it has its detractors.

"We don't have a significant number of academics in different fields of Jewish studies at Queen's to put together a worthy interdisciplinary program," observed Gerald Tulchinsky, a Queen's history professor.

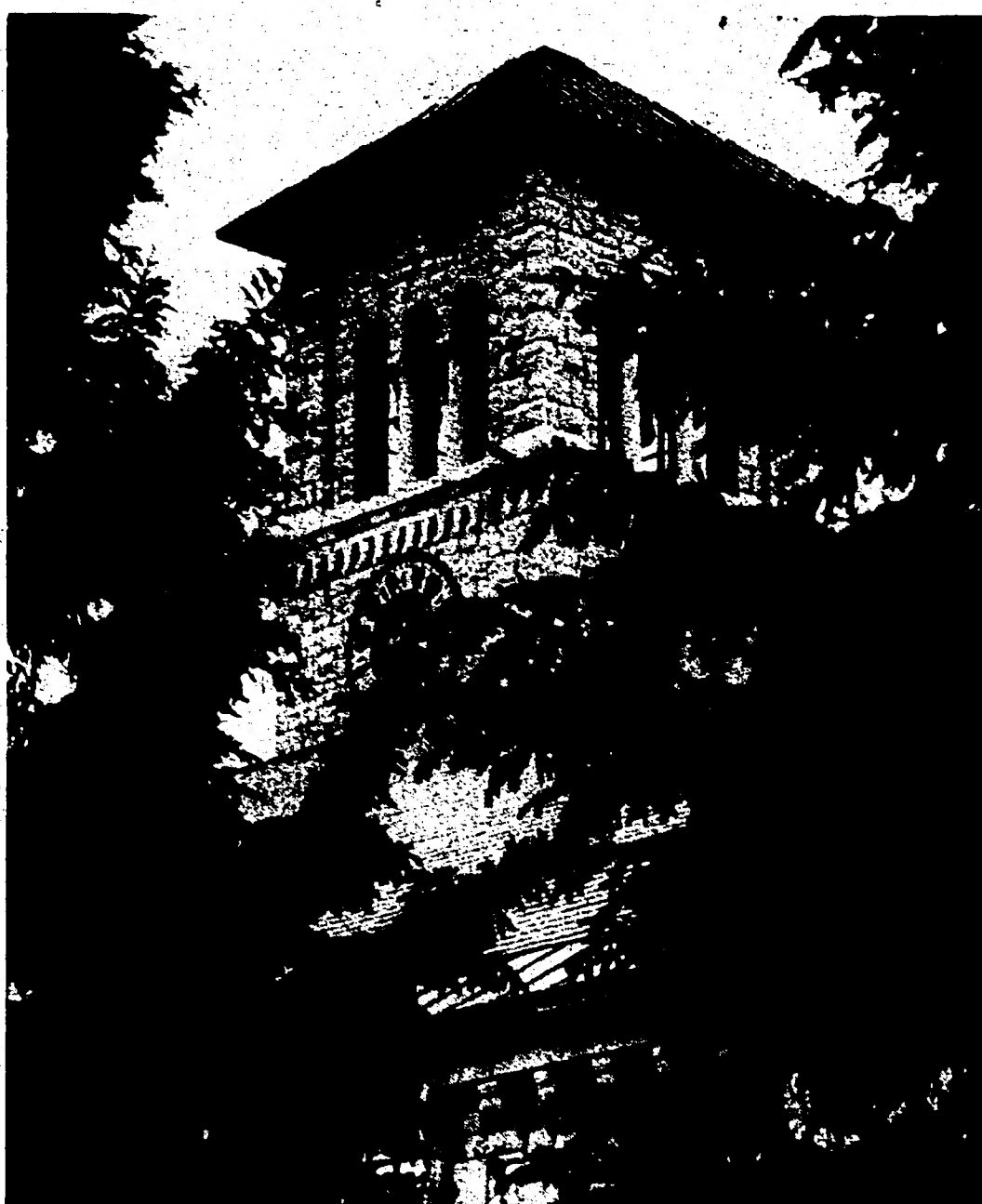
Tulchinsky claims that the chair is unlikely "to make a contribution of any note. Chances are that it'll be of questionable value."

He acknowledges that his views represent a minority opinion in Kingston.

Bassier, who holds a doctorate in rabbinic studies from the University of Toronto, said he never envisioned himself as the chairholder.

He teaches or has taught courses in Jewish life and faith, intermediate modern Hebrew, interpretation of sacred texts, Hebrew scriptures and the New Testament.

In general, his students have been non-Jews, except those studying modern Hebrew. One was a nurse who was planning to marry a Jewish doctor.



A tower at Queen's University

Government appeals Pawlawski's legal costs

OTTAWA —

The federal government is appealing a court ruling that it must pay \$151,000 in legal costs to Michael Pawlawski, the Renfrew, Ont. resident who had been charged with murdering more than 400 Jews during World War II.

The Justice Department's war crimes unit stayed the charges last month after Justice James Chadwick twice refused to authorize an

evidence-gathering commission to the former Soviet Union.

Chadwick ruled that the Pawlawski case was one of the "rare" criminal cases in which a judge can order the Crown to pay legal costs.

The Justice Department is challenging that ruling, saying Pawlawski is not entitled to costs and the judge had no jurisdiction to make the order, *The Toronto Star* reported.

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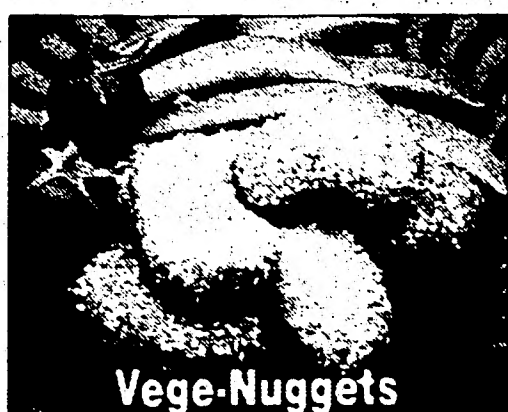
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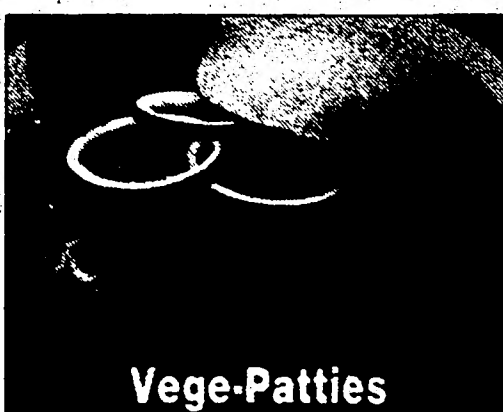
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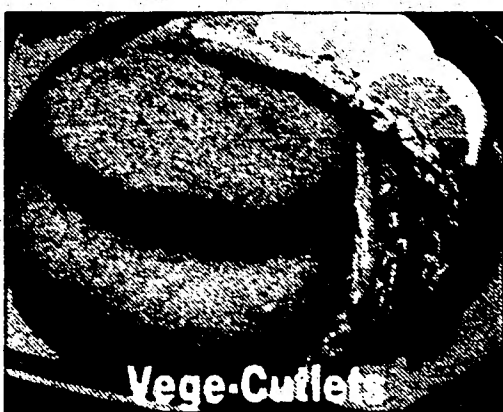
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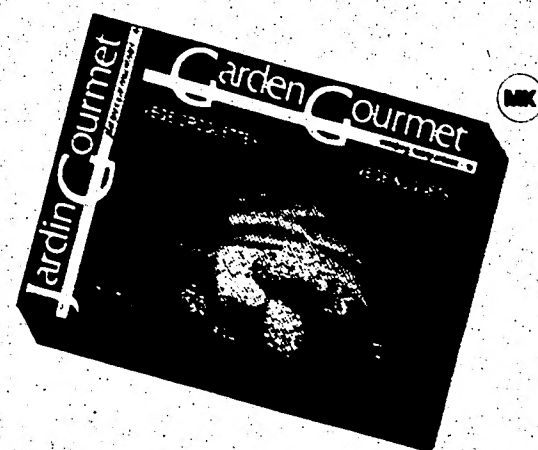


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Adam Cohen, left, Melissa Barron and David Bach-Rebuck, all from Toronto, left Monday to take part in the March of the Living. [Graphic Artists photo]

Young Jews arrive for March

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Some 5,000 young Jews from around the world arrived in Warsaw on Sunday for The March of the Living from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Thursday, Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day.

The route traces the one taken by concentration camp inmates on their "Death March."

During the week, the participants will visit focal points of Jewish life in Poland before World War II, the camps, and will attend memorial ceremonies in Warsaw and Cracow. On Holocaust Remembrance Day, a

special ceremony will be held at Birkenau.

Participants will then be flown to Israel, where they will meet with Israeli youths, visit an army camp and participate in Remembrance Day and Independence Day ceremonies.

This year's march marks the 50th anniversary of the Wannsee Conference, where the Final Solution was decided upon, and the 47th anniversary of the Allied victory.

Fifty tons of kosher food and 15 tons of Holocaust-related books, translated into four languages, were flown to Poland by El Al. The airline

also made its first flights from the United States direct to Poland, carrying participants from New York and Miami.

One thousand Israeli youngsters are participating in the event, including new immigrants. One hundred participants are expected from Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and other former East bloc nations; 1,300 from the United States, 250 from Mexico, 500 from Canada, 350 from France, 150 from South America, 100 from Great Britain, 30 from Morocco, and two from India.

Anti-terrorism bill introduced

By
PAUL LUNGEN
TORONTO —

The federal Justice Department has introduced a bill that would give Canadian courts jurisdiction over acts of international maritime and air terrorism and prevent perpetrators finding a safe haven for their crimes.

When enacted, Bill C-69 could be employed against terrorists who perpetrate an *Achille Lauro*-type of hijacking, said Michael Zigayer, counsel in the Justice Department's criminal law policy section.

Canada would have to either prosecute the terrorists or extradite them

to another jurisdiction which has a greater interest in the crime, he said.

The bill is designed to bring Canadian domestic law into conformity with its international obligations, he added.

Canada has signed, though not yet ratified, three international agreements to curb terrorism: *The Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation*; *The Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf*; and *The Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts or Violence at Airports*

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The three international covenants were the world community's collective response to high profile terrorist acts of the 1980s, Zigayer said. One was the 1985 attack by the Abu Nidal terror group on the Rome and Vienna airports while the other was the Palestine Liberation Front assault on the *Achille Lauro* cruise ship in which wheelchair-bound Leon Klinghoffer was shot and his body thrown overboard.

Ratification by Canada of the covenants would follow enactment of the domestic legislation, Zigayer said.

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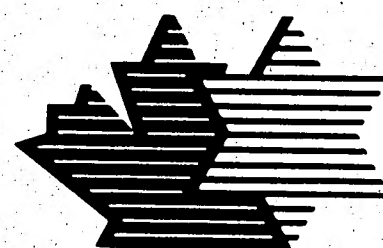


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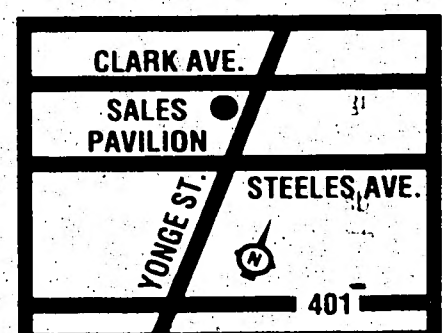
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Time of death challenged

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Hebrew University doctors performed a striking experiment recently, aimed at proving to an influential Orthodox sage that brain death, not stoppage of heartbeat, is the best determinant of when death occurs.

They may have succeeded, at least partly, in convincing Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, a leading halachic authority, to modify his views, which have deterred many families from donating the organs of deceased members for transplant.

The doctors delivered a healthy lamb from a headless ewe 30 minutes after the female sheep was decapitated and indisputably dead.

The sheep's heart was kept beating by artificial means while a Caesarian section was performed.

Auerbach, who commands wide respect beyond the strictly Orthodox haredi community to which he belongs, has insisted that death occurs

only at the moment the heart stops beating. This is consistent with halacha, or traditional Jewish law.

He has held to that position even after the Chief Rabbinate conceded in a halachic ruling that brain death should also be considered in determining death.

The doctors pointed out that if the heart and other vital organs can be kept to function after death, their failure does not necessarily signify the moment of death.

A healthy heart taken from a newly deceased person must be kept beating artificially if it is to be transplanted. But many Israeli families cling to the halachic interpretation and will not agree to donate the organs of a loved one.

It is especially true at stressful times when people who are not observant themselves often seek solace in religious injunctions. That phenomenon was documented several

months ago in an Israeli medical journal, *Refuah*.

According to media accounts, the doctors intend to follow up the sheep experiment with others designed to prove that it is possible to establish death when every brain cell is dead.

Auerbach has been concerned in the past that medical determinations of brain death cover a substantial portion but not all of the brain. He has asked for medical evidence of total cessation of brain function.

But according to these accounts, the rabbi now accepts that a brain-dead person falls under the halachic definition of a "gossess" — someone who is dying.

He is not yet prepared to permit the removal of an organ from such a person. But in situations where the availability of life-sustaining equipment is limited, he would agree that a "gossess" forgoes the right to be sustained by such equipment.

U.S. aid flowing to Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

While the Bush administration and Israel remain at odds over the Jewish state's request for U.S. loan guarantees, the flow of regular American aid to Israel continues unimpeded.

An agreement to provide Israel with another \$600 million in U.S. economic aid has been signed at the State Department. It represents the second half of the \$1.2 billion grant in U.S. economic assistance that Israel receives annually.

The signatories were Reginald Brown, the U.S. Agency for International Development's assistant ad-

ministrator for the Near East, and Amnon Neubach, the Israeli Embassy's minister for economic affairs.

A similar agreement had been signed earlier for \$900 million, representing the second installment of the \$1.8 billion grant in U.S. military aid grant Israel receives each year.

Israel normally receives its annual aid package from the United States at the beginning of the fiscal year. But this year, half the money was held up, because instead of adopting a regular foreign aid bill last fall, Congress passed a resolution authorizing the continuation of 1991 funding for another six months.

Passage of a foreign aid bill covering the rest of the year was delayed as members of the Senate unsuccessfully sought to get President Bush to agree on a compromise for the loan guarantees.

Bush has demanded that Israel stop building settlements in the West Bank before the United States approved the guarantees for the loans, which are needed to aid in the absorption of Jews from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia.

But Brown stressed that the \$3 billion in annual aid to Israel is proof of the solid relations between Israel and the United States.

Bonn considers aid request

BONN (JTA) —

The Bonn government has confirmed that it is considering Israel's request for billions of dollars in financial assistance to aid in the absorption of new immigrants.

The announcement said that talks between the two countries are continuing but did not disclose what amounts were being discussed.

A government spokesman refused to comment on reports that Washington has asked Bonn not to grant Israel credits as long as the issue of U.S. loan guarantees for Israel remains unresolved. The U.S. State

Department has denied making such a request.

Israel has asked the United States to underwrite \$10 billion in private loans to help it absorb one million immigrants expected in the next five years. The Bush administration has refused the guarantees unless Israel freezes settlement activity in the administered territories, a condition the Israeli government rejects.

Israel reportedly has asked the Germans for about \$6.2 billion in aid. Bonn has offered \$1.2 billion in long-term loans, an amount Israel rejected as insufficient, diplomats here said.

Israel also rejected an offer of \$2 billion in credit guarantees. German television reported. But negotiations with the Finance Ministry continue.

Israel's request for German financial assistance dates from Foreign Minister David Levy's visit to Bonn in March 1991, shortly after the Persian Gulf War ended.

Levy argued that former East Germany, unlike West Germany, never paid reparations to Nazi persecutees or to Israel. When the two Germans were united in 1990, the Bonn government was supposed to assume that obligation.

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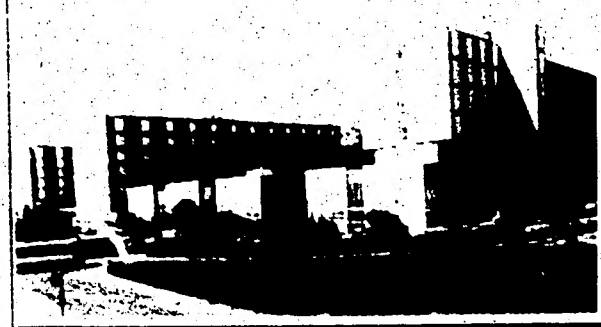
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The News In Brief

Holiday road carnage

HAIFA — Six people were killed and over 60 injured, several seriously, in a spate of accidents on roads packed with Pesach holidaymakers throughout the country April 20.

Police and traffic experts said it was one of the blackest days ever on Israel's roads.

One of the worst incidents occurred near Yokne'am when a Volkswagen beetle collided head-on with a private bus taking over 40 members of the same family on an outing. The car's driver, a woman soldier, was killed instantly in the crash. The bus driver and all 43 passengers were injured.

Angola joins list

UNITED NATIONS — The People's Republic of Angola has joined the growing list of countries to have full diplomatic ties with Israel.

This brings to 18 the number of African countries with ties to Israel.

In recent months, Israel has established relations with China, India and several newly independent republics of the former Soviet Union.

And last week Israel recognized the independence of the Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia.

7,000-year-old skeletons

JERUSALEM — Archeologists have recovered three complete 7,000-year-old skeletons from the sea off Kibbutz Neveh Yam.

The bodies, from the Neolithic period, had apparently been placed in constructed graves with the heads facing the west and the faces turned toward the north.

It appeared from the burial that the bodies had been placed in such a way to symbolize sunset and the end of life.

Terrorist gets life

JERUSALEM — Convicted terrorist Abdel Rahman Abdel Haj, 20, of Kalkilya was sentenced to life imprisonment plus 20 years for stabbing a woman to death and wounding three others on Feb. 21 in Kfar Sava.

"This was revenge for the death of Hezbollah leader Sheikh Abbas Musawi in Lebanon," Abdel Haj told Tel Aviv District Court before sentencing. "I acted in the name of my people and nation."

Latvia opens office

JERUSALEM — Latvia has become the first of the three Baltic nations to open a diplomatic office in Israel.

The Latvian Consulate opened on the same floor as the Japanese and Netherlands embassies in Tel Aviv's Asia House with officials saying they would be issuing visas and initiating trade contacts within days.

"The opening of this consulate is just one step away from putting ties on full-fledged ambassadorial footing," said Ariel Brender, manager of the trade department at Latvia's newest diplomatic mission.

Good news for El Al

JERUSALEM — El Al Israel Airlines last week reported a net profit in 1991 of \$38.9 million, nearly triple its \$14.1m. profit in 1990 when traffic slowed during the crisis leading to the Gulf War.

The 1991 profit was up \$14.7m. from \$24.2m. in 1989. Revenues rose by 12 percent from 1990 to \$877.6m. in 1991.

The state-owned airline carried 1.7m. passengers, a drop of one percent from 1990. Overall cargo tonnage was up five percent at 177,000 tons.

El Al has been slated for privatization since 1988, but the government has so far concentrated on selling other companies. The government placed the debt-ridden airline into receivership in 1982.

Zambia back in fold

JERUSALEM — Zambia and Israel have re-established diplomatic relations following a 19-year break, when Zambia cut ties following the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

New centre planned

TORONTO — The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is planning to establish Israel's only Centre for the Study of Japan. The aim of this new interdisciplinary centre will be to promote teaching and research on all aspects of

Japanese culture, history, politics, language, social structure, economics, and commerce, as well as study the historic and ongoing relationships between Japan and Israel, Judaism, and the Jewish people, says Shimon Arbel, executive vice-president of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

British tourist drowns

TEL AVIV — A British tourist drowned last week after falling off a rowboat in a turbulent stretch of the upper Jordan River.

The victim, identified as Clive Max Heller, 45, of London and his son were on an organized outing under the leadership of a presumably experienced river guide.

Police are investigating whether the outing was organized by an experienced, licensed company or a fly-by-night outfit taking advantage of the heavy influx of tourists for the Passover and Easter holidays.

Soldier wounded

TEL AVIV — An Israel Defence Force soldier was severely wounded in the leg by fragments of a mortar round that exploded near his Golani Bridge patrol in the southern Lebanon security zone.

The patrol was passing the ruins of a Crusaders' stronghold known as Beaufort Castle, near the Galilee panhandle, when it was targeted by Hezbollah gunmen north of the zone.

The wounded soldier was identified as Yaniv Levy of Kibbutz Sdot Yam. He was reported in serious condition at Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

Holiday record-breaker

JERUSALEM — More than one million Israelis and foreign visitors have been touring the country during Pesach, according to figures issued by the Israel Tourism Ministry. The record-breaking number of holidaymakers is expected to increase further by the end of the holiday and over the weekend.

A large proportion of the visitors appeared to have headed north, drawn by a combination of verdant splendor, flowing waters, and other attractions.

A helping hand

TEL AVIV — Israel helped Syria on a humanitarian mission recently but got no thanks.

In response to a request relayed through a third party, the Israeli authorities readily agreed to let a Syrian military helicopter fly over Israeli territory to rescue a group of Syrian soldiers stranded on Mount Hermon, the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* reported.

The soldiers were spowed in at a military outpost on the Syrian side of the peak, where severe winter weather blocked all access routes. Several died and the survivors were in poor condition.

Violent clashes

JERUSALEM — A weekend of intifada violence ended when the Israel Defence Force clamped a curfew on the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood in Gaza on Sunday, while disputing the cause of death of an elderly Arab woman.

At least 20 people were wounded in the clashes, Fatmah Hawajeh, 85, was the only fatality. Relatives said she suffocated from the fumes of a tear gas grenade thrown into her house. Army sources claimed she died of a heart attack.

Japanese arrive

TEL AVIV — El Al's first direct flight from Tokyo arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport on Sunday with 200 Japanese tourists and pilgrims aboard.

They are the first of 1,200 visitors from Japan that the Israeli air carrier is scheduled to bring here on six charter flights over the next few weeks. A refueling stop was made in Moscow.

Israel and Japan are negotiating an aviation agreement that will permit regularly scheduled air services between the two countries.

Ties with Armenia

JERUSALEM — Israel has established full diplomatic relations with Armenia and is expected to announce shortly the resumption of diplomatic ties with Nigeria, the most populous black African state.

Israel's ambassador to Moscow, Arye Levin, will serve as emissary to Armenia, one of the 15 former republics of the now-defunct Soviet Union.

MOSHIACH MATTERS

MOSHIACH AS G-DLINESS BECOMING OBVIOUS

HANDELMAN: Suppose I want to become more active in the "Moshiach campaign", what should I do?

FRIEDMAN: Talk up *Yiddishkeit*. Assume that your Jewish neighbor or business associate wants to become more observant, and all you have to do is show him how and give him the opportunity and expose him to a mitzva - and that will take off.

HANDELMAN: And why will that bring Moshiach?

FRIEDMAN: Because Moshiach could have come at any moment, right? If he decides to come, he comes. But if he's waiting all these years, it must mean that he doesn't want to overwhelm us.

The coming of Moshiach can't be one of these glassy-eyed, overwhelming experiences like the Exodus from Egypt or the giving of the Torah at Sinai. Because that's G-d doing it, not us. So Moshiach can't come unilaterally, because then it's not Moshiach - it's just another good event in our long history of miracles and revelations.

In order for Moshiach to come without disrupting us, without blowing us away, we have to have some awareness or some readiness, or some ability to handle the idea that the world is becoming good, that evil and suffering are going to end. Like the bumper sticker that says "Visualize world peace."

If you can't make it happen, visualize it; at least be able to conceive of it. So if we get more and more people thinking, "Yes, it is time for the world to become good," maybe we could actually realize that which everyone has always insisted and believed: that the world will someday be good.

But why someday? Why not today? If we can just get that thinking, then we're ready for Moshiach. We don't have to do it. We just have to be open to it.

HANDELMAN: I'm interested in what you just said - that the arrival of Moshiach is not a glassy-eyed ecstatic event. I think most people do have that idea in mind, perhaps because of the influence of the non-Jewish notions of Moshiach.

FRIEDMAN: I agree. That's the idea that Moshiach comes in a flash - one moment he's not here, the next moment he's here, and everything is perfect. But that can't happen because that means that G-dliness has not come down to earth.

HANDELMAN: Is that, then, the ultimate meaning of Moshiach, that "G-dliness has come down to earth?"

FRIEDMAN: That G-dliness becomes obvious. It's no longer a miraculous spiritual thing. It's obvious.

HANDELMAN: All in all, you're interpreting the whole idea of Moshiach's coming as a kind of a gradual recognition of G-d, and at the same time, you're saying that there will be a new form of revelation. There is the gradualness which you just described, and then there is something really new and different.

FRIEDMAN: It's going to be a radical change, but not disruptive. A grass-roots kind of a thing, not revelation from heaven, but revelation from within, so to speak. It'll dawn on us, it won't shock us.

HANDELMAN: And what precisely will dawn?

FRIEDMAN: That G-d is real, and that goodness is real, and that evil is false, and that darkness is only imaginary.

HANDELMAN: But evil is real, isn't it? People do suffer, people are hungry, people are homeless, people are ill.

FRIEDMAN: Yes. But the idea that *Gam Zu L'Tovah* ("this is for the best") which today is something we have to bite our tongues on when we say it, this will become obvious when Moshiach comes. We will see the goodness in what previously appeared to be evil.

HANDELMAN: Someone recently wrote that he's no longer waiting for the Moshiach. His point was, "Where was the Moshiach when we really needed him, such as during the Holocaust? He's too late."

FRIEDMAN: That's a good question. I'm waiting to ask Moshiach myself. When Moshiach comes we will find out why, wherefore.

HANDELMAN: How will we find that out? It's not Moshiach, who is going to give the answers because Moshiach is just a human being, right?

FRIEDMAN: He may have the answer, or the answer may just become apparent of itself. When the darkness lifts, we begin to see clearly.

But it's a good question. Like the Talmud says "teiku" - that Eliyahu will answer all the questions and problems in the times of Moshiach. So this is one of those questions we can't answer until Moshiach comes.

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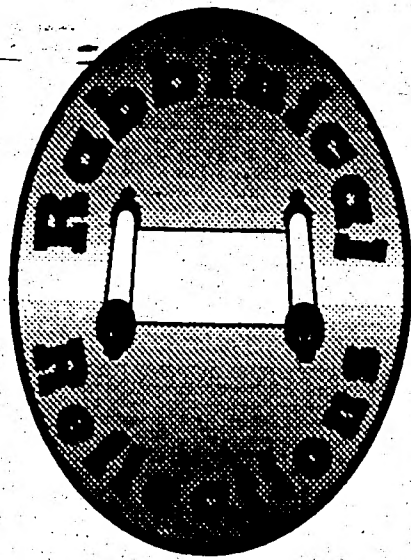
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Jewish Life



By
RABBI LEIGH LERNER

In 1975, the first full-fledged prayerbook to contain a service for Yom Ha'atzmaut appeared. The *Siddur, Gates of Prayer*, reflected the fact that the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) had earlier decided to make Yom Ha'atzmaut a sacred day on the Jewish calendar. It was the first rabbinic body to take such action.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is Israel's national day, her independence day, this year marking Israel's 44th year of statehood. Elevating Yom Ha'atzmaut to sacred status reflects how brightly Israel's six-pointed star shines in the constellation of contemporary Jewish values. As the old song declares, "a thousand exiles from all the ends of earth lift up their eyes to you," and even those who choose to remain in Diaspora look upward to Jerusalem for continued inspiration and Jewish vitality.

Little more than a year ago, we quaked to think of the possible destruction—that Saddam Hussein had planned for the Jewish State. Horrified by the SCUDs and by the vengeful reaction of Arabs in the territories, who danced on their rooftops as the

missiles fell; we celebrated last Yom Ha'atzmaut with great relief and thanks to God. This year, despite internal problems, we can again sing the praises of the Holy One for the many blessings that have touched us through Israel. Her indomitable spirit will provide homes and jobs for hundreds of thousands, whether they are Jews of Russian, Ethiopian or any other origin. In the last twelve months, Israel once again proved that her national bird is the construction crane.

Precisely for these miracles of human proportion—the settling of refugees, the saving of Jewish lives, the extension of the benefits of Jewish civilization within and without Israel's borders—do we give thanks on Yom Ha'atzmaut. For these reasons alone the day deserves to be held sacred.

Must examine beliefs

But when a day is designated as a minor festival on the Jewish calendar, it calls us not only to celebrate our values and beliefs. It calls us to examine them. On Chanukah, for example, we celebrate how God provided a victory for our people in ancient days, but we are also called to examine whether we are maintaining our religious freedom today, and whether we are living a strong Jewish life or

one diluted by general culture.

So on Yom Ha'atzmaut we not only thank God for the existence of the State of Israel and celebrate the contribution of the Jewish State to our lives; we must also examine whether we support those Jewish standards which will keep us and the Jewish homeland close to the highest ethics of our faith.

Have we yielded to the temptation of making Israel, if not a sacred cow, perhaps a golden calf? Have we worshipped the Land and its development, but paid scant heed to the development of our own spirit through prayer and local community? All the more reason to attend a service on Israel's 44th anniversary, and not just a rally.

Have we looked away from thorny ethical problems in the name of Israel's survival? Can there really be one law for the stranger and the homeborn while there is no peace? Yet do we not shudder at every offence against that great Biblical standard? And how long can a state remain Jewish if it violates that standard? Though Israel provides answers in our time, Yom Ha'atzmaut also calls us to question Israel's answers.

Too often Yom Ha'atzmaut is taken for a day to wave flags and cheer the victories of the home team. Yes, we cheer the home team and its heroes, but a sacred day also calls us to do God's will. May it teach us to stop short of the line at which adulation becomes idolatry. May it give us permission to question the rules by which the home team plays its game. On Yom Ha'atzmaut we celebrate Israel, while maintaining a vision for her future that transcends the moment and anchors us to our highest traditions.

Rabbi Leigh Lerner is spiritual leader of the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom in Montreal.

Warsaw uprising remembered

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The Warsaw Ghetto fighters will be enshrined in the hearts of Jewish people for all time, Louis Lenkinski told a capacity audience of 200 at the Workmen's Circle at a memorial meeting marking the 49th anniversary of the uprising.

Lenkinski, a member of the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress, traced the international developments and the betrayals which led to the Germans deciding on a final solution to the Jewish problem.

Canada was not free of guilt, he said, and has a particularly odious record in the postwar period, bowing to a British demand not to pur-

sue war criminals, unable to explain the disappearance of thousands of immigration records of suspected war criminals, and refusing to make available the background papers which led to the Aldai Rodal report for the Deschenes Commission.

The sombre mood of the evening, which began with the lighting of seven candles, continued with songs of the ghettos and partisans by Jenny Eisenstein, accompanied by Bill Berle, and recitations of Yiddish poems by Ethel Sum-Cooper and Eva Lang.

Tributes in Yiddish and English were paid to the Ghetto fighters by two brothers, Jason and Harold Berman.

The Warsaw Ghetto uprising of April 19, 1943, led to thousands of

Jews escaping to the Polish countryside where they joined partisan units, and pinned down thousands of German soldiers at a crucial time when Hitler needed them elsewhere, Jason Berman said.

It also inspired uprisings in 22 other ghettos and gives the lie to allegations that Jews went sheepishly to their deaths, he said.

A total of 400,000 Jews, 30 percent of the population of the city, were squeezed into three percent of Warsaw's land.

Despite rampant disease, and other terrible privations, the Jews did not surrender their spiritual identity.

"We who are their heirs must carry their legacy proudly," he said. Mark Rosenberg was chairman.

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Front Line

Outrage against injustice must match our grief

By
RUTH WISSE

COMMENTARY

I feel like one in a million. I was born Jewish in Eastern Europe in 1936 and beat the most incredible odds of the century. Only a few contemporaries share my sense of privilege: When a Jewish friend of mine (who spent most of the war in a convent) told her colleagues at a convention in Europe that she was born in Lemberg (Lvov) in 1936, the chairman accused her of lying; he said there were no Jewish child survivors of World War II from Lemberg.

During all the years that I was growing up, I tried not to think too much about the children who didn't. Like the marvellous people of Dorothy Rabinowitz's book, *New Lives*, my family was positive, forward-looking, and determined to make the most of the new lives we had been allowed to take up in North America. Learning new languages and customs, we turned much more to the future than to the past.

But the older I am fortunate to grow, the more I am also reminded of my "cohort" — the Jewish children whom Europeans defined as their enemy and succeeded in destroying in the most lopsided war ever fought. In particular, I am haunted by a little girl aged 6 or 7 or 8, loved by her parents as dearly as I was by mine, who nevertheless was shot, or starved to death,

or gassed, or even burned alive. About this little girl all I know is that she wanted to live.

It is not hard to grieve for this child, because she is really a part of me. When I stand among my fellow Jews on the day set aside for remembrance of the Holocaust, we mourn not only the cities of children who wanted to live, along with their mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, grandparents and teachers, but we mourn as well our own Jewish fate that binds us to these lost relatives.

As orphans cry for themselves when they mourn their parents, we cry for ourselves when we mourn the third of our people that was torn from this world. How much stronger we Jews would be — spiritually as well as numerically — had we been reinforced by the presence of the children and grandchildren of all those massacred children.

Jews are accustomed to grief, and know how to mourn. Although it took some years after the end of World War II for communities to begin organizing memorials for the destroyed Jews of Europe, many Jewish families now recall the uprising in the ghetto of Warsaw as part of the Passover seder, many synagogues include prayers for the martyrs as part of the Yizkor services, and a national day of mourning for the Shoah, the khurban, has been set aside.

Very much harder than grief is maintaining our claim on justice. The Book of Job, our most profound study of how "bad things happen to good people," presses the question of justice to the end. Job refuses to blame himself for a punishment he did not deserve, and simultaneously refuses to repudiate the Court by cursing God the judge.

Job remains the emblem of human dignity in the face of disaster because he does not cease to crave justice, even when everything contradicts it, and even though he finally realizes that he will never fully understand it.

There is a great difference, however, between Job, who was struck by (un)natural disasters and the Jews of Europe who were hunted down by other human beings like themselves. The murder of the Jews was planned and executed, abetted, and ignored, by millions of people with names and addresses. How could Jews press for justice against most of Europe?

At the conclusion of the war, a very few people actually tried to apply some kind of law. The controversial Nuremberg Trials brought the major Nazi criminals to trial for crimes against humanity; a few survivors, whose exploits are among the best-kept secrets in the world, appear to have hunted down the killers of their families for a private reckoning; the State of Israel pursued

Nazi criminals, and sentenced one of them, Adolf Eichmann, to death; some private and public prosecutors in the countries of the former Allies assembled files on war criminals and brought a handful of them to trial.

Yet the vast majority of the murderers and their abettors lived long lives, unclouded by either conscience or the law. Jews have to live with the knowledge that their murderers flourished, which is much harder to square with justice than the calamities that befell Job.

Our task as modern Jews seems harder than Job's. Certainly, we too must keep pressing God with claims on His ultimate Justice, or else we cannot pretend to believe in Him, much less to love Him. He must know that the Jewish girl who wanted to live deserved to live. But neither can we afford to let go of the world that humiliated us.

Somehow, if we are to maintain our personal and national dignity, we have to keep demanding justice for ourselves and our children, even when it is not forthcoming, even when we suspect that our enemies are unqualified barbarians.

We are not, as some would have us believe, the conscience of the world, but neither can we afford to condone the crimes of our fellow creatures. It cannot be enough for Jews to mourn. Our outrage against the injustice that is aimed at us — at us and at our children — must be as powerful as our grief.



Ruth R. Wisse

ANALYSIS

No Passover redemption this year for Pollard

By
KENNETH LASSON

Perhaps the most symbolic of all Jewish holidays, Passover above all celebrates redemption. This is the time to remember deliverance from Egypt, to appreciate the renewal of spring, to contemplate the meaning of freedom.

For Jonathan Pollard, the American found guilty of passing classified information to Israel, Passover is even more poignant. Still three years shy of 40, he sits in solitary confinement in a maximum-security federal penitentiary, having been sentenced to life in prison with a recommendation that he never be paroled.

No one, not even Pollard himself, argues his innocence — only about the severity and disparity of his punishment. The average term given to those convicted of spying for hostile foreign countries is 12 years; for giving secret data to friendly nations, four.

Last month came a split decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. The two judges in the majority — wholly through an analysis of procedural technicalities that even law professors will find hard

to fathom — rejected Pollard's petition to have his term reduced.

"The issue before us is not whether a life sentence was appropriate punishment for Pollard's crime," they wrote, "still less whether we ourselves would have imposed such a sentence." Unfortunately for Pollard, their cold dissection of legalistic niceties simply missed the forest for the trees.

Not so their brother, Judge Steven Williams, who perceived with crystal clarity the plain injustice of Pollard's plight. His sharply dissenting opinion fairly rang with its determination to avoid exalting form over substance, to focus instead upon the issue of fundamental fairness.

Judge William found that the government reneged on each of the explicit promises it had made to Pollard in return for his co-operation — in particular, that the prosecutors broke their promise to ask the court for something less than the maximum sentence. The government engaged in "a flagrant violation of the agreement's spirit" when it presented highly prejudicial and inflammatory memoranda from then-Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger — documents that Pollard's attorneys were not permitted to challenge.

It was Judge Williams alone who perceived the gross injustice that should have been rectified here, even given the narrow procedural difficulties in whose web his fellow judges found themselves inextricably bound.

Judge Williams also recognized that to allow "niggling" interpretations of plea agreements would render them virtually useless to future prosecutors. "If fulfillment of the promise is to mean anything, it cannot refer only to the promise pared to its literal bone." In other words, the government will never be trusted if it is permitted to weasel out of bargains ostensibly based on good faith.

As in the Book of Exodus, the biases and fallibility of human judges are bound up in dramatic paradoxes. It is ironic, to say the least, that the two majority judges (Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Charles Silberman) are Jewish and that Williams is not, and that the appeal was heard on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

It is no less incongruous that Israel, the prime beneficiary of Pollard's classified data about Iraq's chemical and nuclear capability, refused him the asylum of its embassy — nor, for that

matter, that the Jewish people, whose latest incarnation as a state can be dated to the liberation of Buchenwald 50 years ago, are still seeking a secure place in the community of nations some 3,000 years after their deliverance from Egypt.

Such ironies, though, are the stuff of punditry and conjecture.

Few Americans, Jewish or otherwise, would liken Pollard to Macbeth, but Judge Williams did. The case reminded him "of Macbeth's crime against the witches whose promises — and their sophistical interpretations of them — led him to doom."

And be these juggling fiends no more believ'd.

That palter with us in a double sense: That keep the word of promise to our ear, And break it to our hope.

The sadder, more demonstrable irony is that Jonathan Pollard must celebrate this season of hope still waiting for redemption and deliverance, still gazing out upon the flowers of spring through the iron bars of a sweltering prison cell — just as he has for the past six years of his life.

(Kenneth Lasson is a professor of law at the University of Baltimore.)

Long Island surgeons avoid risky heart operation

By
MINDY J. BYER

I turned down the volume of the television and answered the phone.

"Mom's had a heart attack" were my brother's words.

That call began an emotionally excruciating week and a disturbing education about the politics of our health-care system.

My mother, whose heart attack was diagnosed as "significant," had been taken to a small hospital on Long Island because it was close to her home.

By the next morning her condition was worse and we knew we had to move her to a hospital with an advanced cardiac unit.

This, we discovered, was not going to be easy.

My mother had no previous heart condition and therefore had no cardiologist to admit her to another hospital.

But we were persistent in demanding a transfer, pleading with members of the intensive-care unit for six hours.

Finally, at 4 p.m., a full day after her heart attack, an ambulance took my mother to an appropriate hospital.

The doctors explained she would die without surgery but she was not in good enough condition to withstand the procedure. If her vital signs stabilized, they said, she would have the operation.

Over the next two days my mother's condition stabilized and when we arrived the morning of the fourth day, we expected to find her scheduled for surgery. Instead, we were told that the surgeons insisted on waiting a week before operating.

We were horrified because we knew she would almost definitely develop an infection during that time that would make it impossible for her to withstand the surgery. But without surgery she would die.

The cardiologist's opinion was that she had only a couple of days left without surgery. Why, if her only chance for survival was surgery, would surgeons refuse to operate? We learned that in New York State the Department of Health scrutinizes a cardiac surgeon's rate of failure and success. A high incidence of mortality produces poor records. This information is then shared with the public. The state rating takes into account the risk of patients going into surgery.

But the public disclosure of a surgeon's record seems to have created skittishness to downright paranoia among doctors.

"Don't you think that the chief of surgery would love to do this operation?" one doctor said. "He's a great surgeon but he's taken too many high-risk cases lately and has too many black marks on his name."

Black mark is the doctor's code phrase for death. While the surgeons worried about black marks, my mother lay dying 20 feet down the hall in the need of an operation that no one would perform.

The cardiologist suggested we try to find a surgeon who would operate. He went to his office to make calls. We frantically called every person we could think of who might have a friend or relative who could recommend a cardiac surgeon. We couldn't find anyone to help us. Then I remembered I had once worked with a woman who was married to the head of cardiac surgery at a major New York hospital.

I called him directly. After explaining my mother's illness I felt confident he would agree to admit her. When the phone rang 20 minutes

later he said his surgeons had refused the case. By law they were permitted to say no. We were now waiting to hear from one last doctor, who had been in surgery all day.

The previous year my mother's cardiologist had sent this surgeon a patient who had had a heart attack similar to my mother's and who had also been refused surgical treatment. That woman, the staff told us, was up and walking in two weeks. At 3 p.m. Friday the surgeon agreed to do the operation.

Five days after the attack my mother was moved for the third time. We were told she probably would have lasted only one day more. She survived the surgery and is doing well. My mother beat the odds because we refused to take no for an answer. We also had the good fortune to work with an optimistic cardiologist who had the right connections to make the surgery possible.

In the current system it is likely that someone else's mother may not be so lucky.

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Enormity of loss baffles comprehension

On Yom Hashoah we stand at the edge of a chasm. This chasm was best described by Lucy Dawidowicz, of blessed memory. "How does one apprehend the vacancies left by millions who are dead and missing? The enormity of the numbers baffles the mind's comprehension and numbs the heart's feeling."

We are stunned into reverential silence.

But silence is a terrain on which we cannot linger. For beyond the reverence and past the silence lies an obligation to ensure the Jewish future. We, the Jews of the Diaspora along with the Jews of Israel, are responsible for the Jewish future.

In the sweet, pine-scented, wind-swept hills of Jerusalem at Yad Vashem, there is a memorial to the one million children murdered by the Nazis.

The memorial is a darkened chamber, silent except for the sound of faceless voices calling out the children's names, and still, except for the sounds of the disconsolate sigh and the visitors' slow movement around the inner circumference. The walls are mirrors. And at the centre are five candles flickering their reflections of light into an unquantifiable infinity of space and sorrow. In every direction all one can see are a million tiny dots of candlelight.

Prof. Zev Mankiewicz, the eminent Jerusalem educator, lectures at Yad Vashem. In his lectures he has reflected upon the unimaginable suffering of the parents who were unable to feed, to shield, or to save their children. Among the indignities imposed upon the Jewish people by the Nazis, he considers this suffering to have been the ultimate indignity.

For the indignity of the parents who lost their children, and for the terror of the children who cried through the night for their parents, we shall honor our obligation and we shall fulfil our responsibility.

On Yom Hashoah, for the sake of our future, we resolve to act.

Undiplomatic encounter

It has been several weeks now since German Chancellor Helmut Kohl had his ill-advised meeting with President Kurt Waldheim of Austria — more than enough time for the chancellor to have realized and admitted his error in moral judgment.

Waldheim, it should be remembered, served in a German army unit in the Balkans in World War II which was involved in wartime atrocities. In his celebrated biography, *In The Eye Of The Storm* (Adler & Adler) Waldheim conveniently omitted this episode of his life.

For this omission and suspicions about his exact role in the Balkans unit (not to speak of his sanctimonious denials and protestations of influence) Waldheim has become an international pariah who has been officially barred from the United States.

Chancellor Kohl's meeting with Waldheim in March was a deliberate attempt to legitimize Waldheim's persona by lending him the prestige associated with the new united Germany. The attempt, however, was a tawdry one and the criticism voiced against Kohl by Israeli, Jewish and other leaders was well deserved.

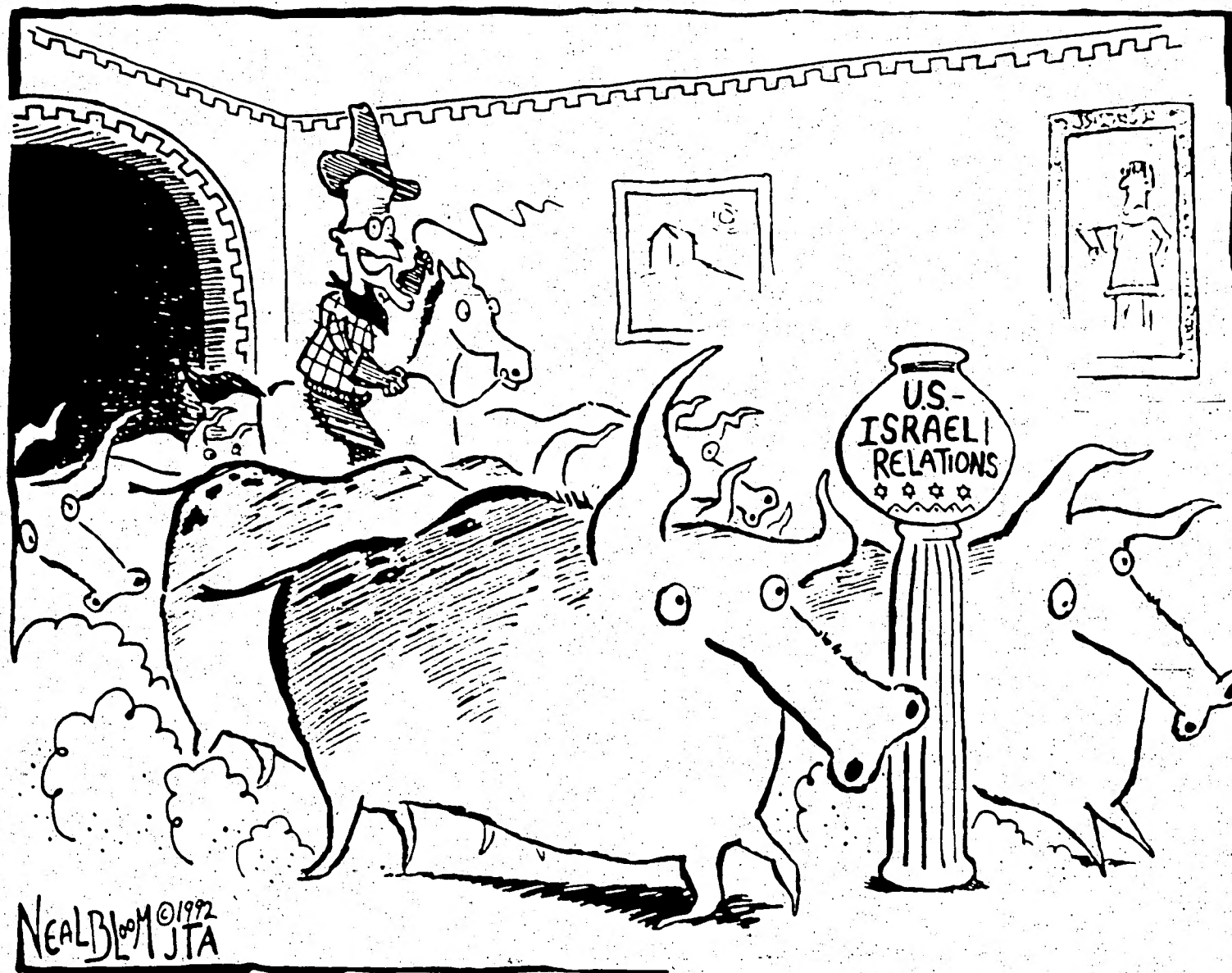
Less deserved was the bizarre defence of Waldheim offered by Bavaria's Premier Max Streibl who hosted a luncheon for the Austrian president. He spoke of the criticism levelled at Waldheim as "nonsense" and noted that Waldheim had been elected by 55 percent of the Austrian people.

As *The New York Times* (March 31) noted in response: "True, but so what? Hitler also came to power through elections, a fact most Germans still struggle to understand."

More disquieting than the Streibl reaction was the snappish way Chancellor Kohl responded to criticism by Israeli spokesmen. Kohl rebuffed that criticism by saying that he didn't "need any advice" on whom to meet.

Wrong! The man who has tried to de-demonize Germany's Nazi past by honoring SS soldiers at Bitburg (in a ceremony which lamentably involved the then U.S. President Ronald Reagan) in 1985 and who now seeks to provide a hechsher, an imprimatur, for Kurt Waldheim, is surely in need of some sound advice about the special relationship between Germany and Jewish people.

If Germany wishes to play a leading role in the emerging new Europe, it should set its house in order. Consorting with and honoring a man who still cannot remember just what he did as an intelligence officer in the brutal Balkan campaign is not merely an affront to the Jewish people, but is the wrong kind of signal to send out to those countries on the European continent who suffered so terribly under the Nazi boot less than 50 years ago.



Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

ELIMINATE 'BUMPS'

Professor Cotler called for both Israel and the Palestinians to freeze further settlements in order to produce a "Level playing field" (*CJN* April 9).

Settlements may be creating a "bump" in the playing field, but they should not be treated in isolation.

Why does no one care for the elimination of other "bumps" in the playing field? For instance, how about the "bump" caused by the Arab countries maintaining a state of war against Israel since 1948? Or how about the "bump" caused by the illegal maintenance of a primary, secondary and tertiary boycott against Israel since 1948? Or how about the "bump" caused by the ongoing Intifada?

How much longer will the countries of the world permit the Arab world to flaunt the United Nations Charter with impunity?

Alfred Noodelman
Toronto

GENEROUS CANADIANS

We of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University were delighted with the picture and information on Tel Aviv University's Botanical Garden.

You may be interested to know that the University's Ecological Center bears the name Canadian because of generous gifts from members in this country, primarily in Toronto and Montreal, and that on May 19, the facility will be renamed the I. Meier Segals Zoological Garden in honor and in

memory of that late Montrealer, co-founder with Lawrence Bessner, F.C.A. and Yoine Goldstein of Canadian Friends.

A Mission from Montreal with additional representatives from Toronto and delegates from much of the Jewish world will attend the formal dedication of the Segals Garden.

Annie Adams
President
Montreal Chapter

BACKS RICHLER 100 PERCENT

Regarding my letter to you re: David Lazarus (*CJN*, April 16) my letter was misinterpreted.

I said David Lazarus was wrong, wrong, wrong — not Richler.

I support Richler 100 percent.

I do not agree with David Lazarus.

Aaron Lipsin
Toronto

LESSON OF THE QUARREL

Despite *The Gazette's* low rating of the Canadian film *The Quarrel*, I was moved to see for myself whether a film based on a story by Chaim Grade on such an important topic could bomb so badly.

I was fascinated to hear arguments accounting for so many survivors maintaining and strengthening their faith and those who did not — the defender and rejecter, being an Orthodox rabbi and an assimilated Jew, turned writer, both of whom lost their families in the Holocaust.

Granted the film is too static and could have benefited from more flashbacks and action, but it is an improvement over past Jewish films of the "too-schmaltzy" variety. It's too bad the filmmakers chose to make the rabbi Chassidic with a dark messy beard for, like the lady in the anecdote Hersch Rassenner told Chaim Kovler, viewers and critics would be more tolerant of his appearance and beliefs if he were Amish.

Are not most of us as guilty of being as politically incorrect? The point is *The Quarrel* deserves a bigger pat on the back for dealing with worthwhile perennial issues such as to believe or not to believe, human responsibility or fate/God, freewill or determination, the very stuff of drama, film, literature.

You may be annoyed by the stereotypes, agree or disagree with either or

both the religious and non-religious points of views put forward, but you won't be neutral.

Experience what it is like to see a movie without scene after scene of sex, violence, perversion, car crashes, horror, even though it deals with the aftermath of the greatest crimes ever perpetrated by man.

Ann Weinstein
Montreal

WALRUS AND CARPENTER

I was intrigued to learn in a recent issue of the *Jerusalem Post* of Mr. Bush's (U.S. President George Bush) letter of March 19 to a prominent Jewish Republican in which the president expressed his "anguish" over the disturbed state of U.S.-Israel relations. While I cannot agree with Mr. Shamir's extremely clumsy handling of Israel's erstwhile ally, I find Mr. Bush's melancholy expressions somewhat disingenuous.

Since the Middle East is in a sense a kind of grown up version of Alice's Wonderland, I looked to its conceiver, Lewis Carroll, for some guidance.

He did not disappoint. As readers of *Through the Looking-Glass* will recall, in one of the poems, *The Walrus and Carpenter*, out for a walk on the beach, approach a group of somewhat naive oysters. The hungry pair induce the little bivalves to step out of the safety of the water in order to go for a stroll with them. The poem concludes:

"It seems a shame," the Walrus said
To play them such a trick.
After we've brought them out so far,
And made them trot so quick!
The Carpenter said nothing but
"The butter's spread too thick!"

"I weep for you," the Walrus said:
"I deeply sympathize."
With sobs and tears he sorted out
Those of the largest size,
Holding his pocket-handkerchief
Before his streaming eyes.

"O Oysters," said the Carpenter,
"You've had a pleasant run!
Shall we be trotting home again?"
But answer came there none —
And this was scarcely odd, because
They'd eaten every one."

A. M. Clarfield, M.D.
Montreal

From always remember to never forget

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I confess that I had planned to devote this column to a Jewish concern of an entirely different nature. But as the time of writing approached, a feeling of guilt descended upon me.

How can I write, at this time of year, about anything other than the Holocaust that devoured six million Jews — men, women and children — a third of our total Jewish population at that time?

Hadn't we all absorbed the shattering cry of the last remnant of the heroic Jewish fighters of the Warsaw Ghetto "Never to forget and never to forgive" those responsible for the brutal extermination of six million Jews; literally our brothers and sisters, parents and grandparents, uncles and aunts at the bloodied hands of the Hitlerite murderers?

Yes, we have spoken and written about the Holocaust year after year and we attempt to memorialize that tragic chapter of our history by observing the Warsaw Ghetto uprising against the Nazi murderers; an uprising that began on the first night of Pesach. Yes, that was a glorious, selfless spiritual chapter in the tortured history of the determination of our people to survive.

It was the last stand against an enemy that sought the total obliteration of European Jewry and the destruction of the 1,000-year-old East European Jewish cultural life and its glorious institutions of learning and creativity.

What unworthy heirs to the rich millennial history of our people would we be if we were to "forget" the Holocaust?

Jews have never forgotten the Western Wall of Jerusalem and in my lamenting view we must never forget the heroic uprising of the tiny segment of Jewish survivors in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Yes, in my humble view, we are obligated to

teach our younger generation that the inhuman Nazi destruction of East European Jewry was more than the destruction of Jewish human beings. It was a barbaric assault on a deeply-rooted, multi-million Jewish civilization that was known as East European Jewry with its creative cultural history of 1,000 years.

It was my privilege to spend a Sabbath weekend in Warsaw one month before the outbreak of World War II. Jewish Warsaw still functioned "normally."



J.B. Salsberg

The Jewish area turned its back on the hustle and bustle of the business and work-week. Jewish stores and businesses of every kind closed their doors. Jewish newspaper kiosks, displaying every variety of Yiddish newspapers, periodicals etc., had shut down for the Sabbath. Soon the streets were enlivened by a massive movement of Jewish worshippers on their way to the synagogues. Sabbath had descended on Jewish Warsaw.

Later that evening I was taken by a friend to make the rounds of the Yiddish theatre district to observe another side of Jewish Warsaw; the Warsaw of tens of thousands of "secular" Jews filling the variety of Yiddish theatres.

And I visited Warsaw immediately after World War II.

That was one of the most tragic experiences of my life.

The railroad station was still half destroyed. The wobbly, horse-drawn carriage passed totally destroyed areas of Warsaw, Jewish Warsaw.

I recall weeping all the way to one of Warsaw's surviving hotels where I was received by a committee of "Jewish survivors."

Why, my patient reader will ask, why do I, at the end of Pesach, resurrect such emotionally-upsetting memories? Because just as Passover is the annual occasion to recall, to remember the

miracles that paved the way for our liberation from Egyptian slavery and our long march to "the promised land" where we became a free and independent nation, so we must also "never forget" the tragic Holocaust that decimated our ranks, that destroyed so much of the rich cultural heritage of East European Jewish history.

If we never forget our woeful Hitler period, the Holocaust, we will be better equipped to face the challenges of the re-birth of Israel.

Yes, our tasks are never completed. Our voluntarily assumed obligation "never to forget" is also a guarantee to have much to remember.



GRIEF AND REMEMBRANCE

The memorial stone dedicated by President Chaim Herzog of Israel at Terezin. [Photo courtesy of Bedrich Grunzweig]

Human rights laws make Canada better

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

In a time of recession, looking for a job is always difficult, exhausting, and often unnecessarily complicated because both the applicant and the prospective employer are unaware of certain requirements of the law.

Why do I write about this in *The Canadian Jewish News*? Because the problem has to do with human rights, and Jews ought to be the most meticulous adherents and practitioners of human rights. While the following reflects certain provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code, other jurisdictions, like Quebec, have very similar though not always identical rules.

All human rights codes attempt to promote equal employment opportunities regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, color, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, age, marital status, family status, handicap, and in most instances also sexual orientation. To be sure, these are general principles and there are exceptions, but the objective is always clear: everyone is to have

a reasonable chance of finding the kind of employment for which he or she is qualified.

For human rights legislation is based upon the principle that employment decisions should be based on criteria relating to the applicant's ability to do the job in question rather than on factors that are unrelated to job performance.

Having said this, it is important to note that all codes recognize the legitimate right of employers to obtain the most qualified and suitable candidates for particular jobs. But employers are advised (and applicants should know this) to ask only those questions which relate to job requirements and not questions that contravene the province's Code. Here are some questions that should not be asked, and if they are asked the employer might be in breach of the Human Rights Code.

For instance, it is never permissible to ask questions about race, color, or creed. Thus, for instance, an employer should not ask for a charac-

ter reference from the applicant's minister, which would reveal religious affiliation.

Or, one may not ask if the applicant is married, but a question whether the applicant is free to travel or even relocate is permissible.

There are exceptions to some of the prohibited categories. For instance, in most jurisdictions the employer may ask whether the applicant is over 65 years of age. The Supreme Court of Canada has upheld the legitimacy of such age discrimination, a decision with which I personally disagree.

Obviously, there are situations in which a question which ordinarily would be prohibited is permissible. An example might be that a live-in supervisor for a woman's dormitory should be a woman. Similarly, religious institutions may specify preference for key employees, and so forth.

After a conditional offer of employment has been extended, certain documents may be requested which may reveal information which on

initial interviews is prohibited. Thus, an education transcript often includes the place of birth or information regarding someone's place of origin. But requests for medical examinations or health information necessary for pension, disability and so on should be made only after a conditional offer of employment.

What I have sketched above are examples of issues which have already been litigated before tribunals and courts, and especially problems that are of the borderline category and often very complex. But the underlying principle which is shared by all provincial codes and the Canadian Human Rights Act are the same: they want to assure that the country in which we live gives each person an opportunity to prove his/her true worth, unrelated to circumstances which have no bearing on the job.

These bodies of legislation have made Canada a much better place in which to live, and it is worth remembering that all of this started only a single generation ago. This is the 30th year of Ontario's attempt to break new ground in this area and we have come a long way since then.



Rabbi Plaut

There must be 50 ways to start a day

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

The radio alarm goes off at 6:50 a.m. We have aimed for predictability in determining exactly what it will blare first thing in the morning. We search for pleasant (but not soporific) music, or a soft but firm voice calmly sugar-coating the day's headlines.

Unfortunately, we often miss. Generally the radio offers some clarion call along the lines of, "RUSH RIGHT DOWN TO THE BIG SALE AT MACK'S AUTO BODY PARADISE — YOU BASH 'EM, WE TRASH 'EM," to jolt us into consciousness.

There are more riveting ways to get woken up, but not many. One morning when I was staying in a hotel on a business trip, I set the radio alarm for 6 o'clock so I could make it to a breakfast meeting. Unknowingly, I had tapped into a rural dawn-to-dusk AM station, which blew me completely out of bed and into panic when it loudly signed onto the air at 6 a.m. with a trumpets-blaring version of the Star Spangled Banner. For

a minute, I thought I had woken up at Yankee Stadium.

At home, we count ourselves lucky if we get woken up by the alarm. Far more frequently, we are already awake when it goes off. This is universally true on Mondays and Thursdays because those are the mornings that the milk is delivered to our front door, a helpful vestige of former times. The milk has been brought to our front door twice a week for nearly five years now, and every single time, our cocker spaniel goes ballistic. The truck pulls up. The milkman gets out, walks up the steps and puts two half-gallons on the stoop. At this, our beloved (but not brainy) dog launches a warning barrage of yelps and threats as frantic as if the situation had never come up before and would never come up again, protecting us from death by dairy, no doubt.

Her reaction to the newspaper delivery man, who stands outside the door every morning looping the ends of the paper's plastic bag over the doorknob, is less vehement, but only slightly. We could train her to discontinue these hys-

terical greetings but she is so addleheaded (albeit affectionate and adorable) that we hesitate to train her not to bark at the arrival of strangers (her one potentially useful activity) so that she doesn't come to think it would be good behavior to escort some future gang of thieves through the house with quiet courtesy, licking their pants legs and begging for tidbits as they ransack the Sabbath silverware.

If we manage to sleep through the dog's morning mayhem, her canine efforts to rouse us before the alarm goes off are stoutly backed up by three children. Actually, the children are only dangerous when we can't hear them. When they're noisy, at least we know what they're doing.

Last Saturday morning, our baby, now 2, got up quietly. I thought he was still sleeping because everything was so quiet, so I dozed on, half-drowsing, sleepily aware that we needed to get up soon and get ready for synagogue. Then, through my sleepy fog, I heard chortling, and banging, and dashed, semi-sleeping, to the ba-

by's room. He had been up, and very busy, for some time. In fact, he had carefully coated his floor, bed, clothes, stuffed animals and toys with the entire contents of a bottle of baby powder. I stumbled into this snowstorm and he looked up at me, smiling angelically, trailing his fingers through the talc.

"This is a big mess," I said to him, groggily. He grinned and parroted happily, "Big mess."

Next time, I'll take noisy. When our 5-year-old was 2½, she'd wander into the bedroom, prod my eyelid with a tiny finger, pat my cheek and announce, "Ope eyes. Mommy. Ope eyes."

It was effective, and you could hear her coming. But now she knows how to take charge of my morning without making a sound. She tiptoes into our room and slips into bed next to me. She falls blissfully, cozily, back to sleep, cuddling and cooing.

The moment is sweet, but the instant she is sleeping, she becomes a whirling dervish, a flurry of pointed elbows and knees. She eventually takes over the bed, coming to rest horizontally, across all the pillows. Sleeping soundly. Smiling secretly. Another silent victory.



Erica Meyer Rauzin

Features

Saudis moderating view of Israel

Saudi Arabia, the bastion of Islamic conservatism in the Arab world, is moderating its officially hostile attitude toward Israel.

It is a significant turn of events, largely the result of the 1990-91 crisis in the Persian Gulf.

Until quite recently, Saudi Arabia was unmitigatingly antagonistic toward Israel.

The Saudis joined in the 1948 Arab invasion of the newly-created Jewish state; the Saudis dispatched a brigade to Jordan in the 1967 Six Day War; the Saudis played a minor role in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Saudi Arabia was a keen advocate of the economic boycott against Israel and vigorously supported the PLO, financially and politically. In the diplomatic field, Saudi Arabia denounced the 1978 Camp David Accords, the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, the United States' 1982 peace plan, the abortive May 1983 accommodation between Israel and Lebanon and Israel's 1989 peace proposals.

As well, Saudi Arabia led the 1980 campaign to nullify recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and continuously sought to expel Israel from the United Nations.

But since Iraq's aggression against Kuwait in August 1990, Saudi policy with regard to Israel has undergone a gradual modification.

Intimidated by Iraq's sudden and unexpected thrust into Kuwait, and convinced by the United States that Iraqi armor was poised to invade its territory, the ruling House of Saud broke with past practice.

With prodding from the Bush administration, King Fahd agreed to the massive deployment of American and allied forces in Saudi Arabia to confront Iraq. The Saudis had previously been extremely chary about letting foreigners, especially Westerners, station troops on their soil. Furthermore, Saudi Arabia committed itself to participating in any military effort to eject the Iraqi army from Kuwait. In return, Washington proposed a \$21 billion arms package for Saudi Arabia.

The crisis in the Gulf, combined with the PLO's embrace of Saddam Hussein, forced the House of Saud to the bitter conclusion that pan-Arabism had disintegrated and that its foreign policy needed updating. Saudi Arabia had signed a non-aggression treaty with Iraq, and now Saddam seemed ready to penetrate its borders. Saudi Arabia had coddled the PLO, and now Yasser Arafat was backing Saddam.

These developments have had a substantial effect on Saudi Arabia's policy with regard to Jews and Israel.

In the summer of 1990, the Saudis departed from custom by admitting an American senator and Orthodox Jew, Joseph Lieberman, into their country with Israeli entry visas in his passport.

Subsequently, the Saudi envoy to the United States, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, met with American Jewish leaders in New York. Chief among them was Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress. The Egyptian ambassador to Washington had introduced Siegman to Prince Bandar at a dinner party in Washington in 1988.

On the eve of the Gulf War, the Saudis invited to Riyadh a delegation of Middle East analysts,

mainly American Jews, associated with a pro-Israel think tank.

During the Gulf War, Saudi cities were hit by Iraqi Scud missiles, giving the House of Saud one more reason to reassess its world view. Since Scuds also thudded down on Israel, Saudi Arabia and Israel suddenly found themselves in the same boat, as it were.

In the days leading up to Operation Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia knowingly accepted Israeli-manufactured bridge-building equipment airlifted to the front by U.S. air force Galaxy planes, according to a new book, *Shield and Spear, The Story of the Israeli Military Industries* by Yosef Evron.

As a probable quid pro quo for U.S. support during the Gulf crisis, Saudi Arabia accepted the Bush administration's Middle East peace process, launched by Secretary of State James Baker shortly after the end of the "mother of all battles." (Saudi Arabia has long been a proponent of resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict through diplomatic means. The 1981 Fahd plan offered Israel implicit recognition in exchange for a withdrawal from the territories and acceptance of a Palestinian state.)

When bilateral Arab-Israeli talks got underway in Madrid, Saudi Arabia sent Prince Bandar to attend the ceremonial opening. Around the same time, the Saudis floated a trial balloon. If Israel froze new settlement activity, the Saudis promised to help lift the Arab boycott. The idea was backed by the United States. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir would have no truck with it.

Around the same time, at an Islamic Conference in Dakar, Saudi Arabia rejected the PLO's demand to renew a holy war against Israel and Syria's demand that Israel be referred to only as

"the Zionist enemy."

In a further sign of the times, an American Jewish Congress delegation, led by its president, Robert Lifton, arrived in Riyadh on Jan. 19 of this year, and discussed the Middle East with the Saudi foreign minister, Prince Saud.

It was the first such meeting ever in Saudi Arabia.

Prince Saud reportedly said that Saudi Arabia recognizes Israel's right to exist and considers the Arab-Israeli conflict as political, not religious.

Describing the trip, Siegman said it had been "an extraordinary experience in every respect." The Saudis, he added, received the delegates with "extreme warmth and friendship."

Less than two weeks later, a Saudi delegation appeared at the fourth round of Arab-Israeli peace talks on regional issues held in Moscow. What's more, Saudi Arabia paid for the costs of the conference, since Russia — which succeeded the Soviet Union as the co-sponsor of the negotiations — could not afford it.

There are other encouraging straws in the wind:

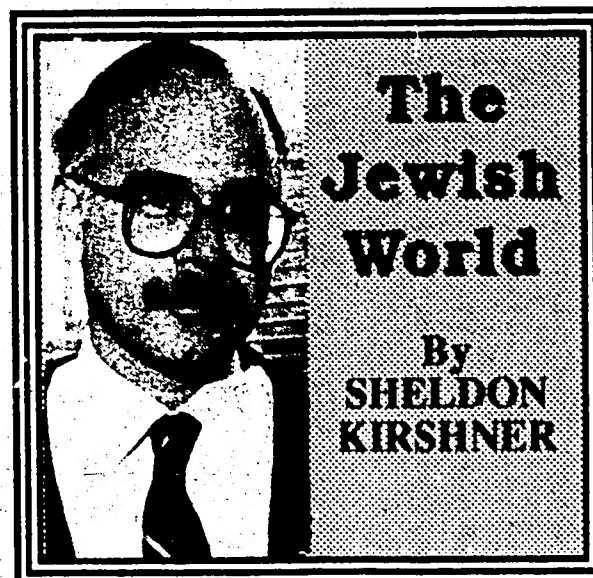
•The Middle East Broadcasting Centre (MBC), which is owned by Saudi entrepreneurs with close ties to King Fahd and is based in London, has a fulltime correspondent in Jerusalem.

•The Saudi government reversed itself and allowed Israeli Arabs to go on the annual pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina.

Despite these developments, Saudi Arabia is still officially at war with Israel; popular Saudi opinion remains staunchly anti-Israel; Saudi Arabia voted against a United Nations motion to repeal the 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism; and Saudi Arabia (and other Arab states) squelched a recent Israeli plan for direct telephone contacts between Israel and the Arab world.



Saudi Arabia Foreign Minister Prince Saud (right) met recently with American Jews in Riyadh. Here he is seen with United States Secretary of State James Baker.



Jews enjoy a higher status in American society as compared to two decades ago and are increasingly marrying out of the faith.

These are but two of the findings gleaned from a number of recent studies on the Jewish community in the United States — home to the largest concentration of Jews in the world.

According to the American Jewish Committee, Jews rank halfway up the ethnic ladder of social standing, slightly below Japanese Americans and just above "people of foreign ancestry." ("native white Americans" are ranked first.)

Anti-Jewish attitudes have declined — notwithstanding a recent Anti-Defamation League report saying that 1991 was a record year for anti-Semitic incidents in the United States. One indicator of the present climate is the willingness of non-Jews to vote for a Jewish presidential candidate. This increased from 61 percent in 1958 to 89 percent in 1987.

The Council of Jewish Federations reports that intermarriage is a growing phenomenon. Nearly one-third of Jews are married to non-Jews, while more than 50 percent of Jews who've married since 1985 are wed to gentiles.

Intermarriage among Conservative Jews is increasing at nearly the same rate as Reform Jews. Twenty eight percent of Jews raised in Conservative households are married to non-Jews. Orthodox Jews are least likely to enter into interfaith marriages.

Overview of U.S. Jewry

There is a growing acceptance of intermarriage; 87 percent of Jewish parents would accept their child's marriage to a non-Jew.

Twenty eight percent of the children of mixed marriages are raised as Jews; 41 percent as non-Jews; and 31 percent with no religion.

The Graduate School of the City University of New York believes that 56 percent of Jews are married; 26 percent are single; nine percent are divorced, one percent are separated and eight percent are widowed.

City University claims there are 4.3 million Jews in the United States, substantially fewer than the 5.5 million estimated by the Council of Jewish Federations. When broken down by race, 2.2 percent of whites and 0.3 percent of blacks say they are Jewish.

The CJF says the largest number of households, 41.4 percent, identify with Reform Judaism, while 40.4 percent identify with the Conservative movement. Orthodox Jews and Reconstructionist Jews comprise 6.8 percent and 1.6 percent respectively of U.S. Jewry. Another 3.2 percent define themselves as traditional, 5.2 percent as "just Jewish," and 1.4 percent as "miscellaneous Jews."

City University claims, however, that only two-thirds of Americans who acknowledge their Jewish background classify themselves religiously as Jews.

Six percent of Jewish respondents refer to themselves as Protestant. Another five percent describe themselves as Catholic, while one percent identify themselves as simply Christians. Twenty two percent profess to have no religion, or links with a faith other than Judaism.

According to City University, Jews are the most urban and educated group in the United States. Almost 96 percent reside in metropolitan areas. In terms of college graduates, Jews finish first, ahead of Hindus and Episcopalians.

The average number of people in a Jewish household is 2.7, close to the national median of about 2.9. The states with the highest Jewish populations are: New York (6.9 percent), New Jersey (4.3 percent), Florida (3.6 percent), Massachusetts (3.5 percent) and Maryland (2.8 percent).

Brandeis University says that Jewish support for Israel remains strong — but levels of active commitment among younger Jews are somewhat lower when compared to older Jews.

Only nine percent of the respondents are "sometimes uncomfortable" about identifying themselves as "a supporter of Israel."

Three out of every five Jews are "often troubled by the policies of the Israeli government."

Sixty three percent of Orthodox Jews consider fund-raising for Israel very important. This compares to 37 percent for Conservative Jews and 25 percent for Reform Jews.

Sir Horace looks back

By
JOSHUA EDWARDS

Sir Horace Phillips — the only self-proclaimed "Yiddish boy" ever to come within a whisker of being Britain's ambassador to Saudi Arabia — sips tea amid the tweedy splendor of the Travellers' Club in Pall Mall in London, and wonders, again, what all the fuss is about.

He is the operational definition of a diplomat: dapper, soft-spoken in six languages, an expert on at least three continents, grateful for opportunities taken and philosophical about those that passed him by.

None did so more spectacular than the top job in Saudi Arabia, a front-page sensation in 1968 which stands to be revived with the publication of a book, *Inside the Foreign Office*, by the former *Daily Mail* diplomatic correspondent, John Dickie.

Sir Horace was the natural choice for the Saudi post; an Arabic-speaker who had served with distinction as first secretary and frequently charge d'affaires, in the desert kingdom during Britain's tense negotiations with the Saudis over the disputed Buraimi Oasis. He would have got the job, too — as Dickie's book observes — but for a di-

ary item in the *Jewish Chronicle* suggesting that this selfsame Horace Phillips was a member in good standing of Glasgow's Garnethill Synagogue.

"I never had reason to hide my Jewishness at the FO, nor to proclaim it," Sir Horace recalls, "any more than a Catholic diplomat would. Of course, the under-secretary who posted me as ambassador was aware I am Jewish. . . . But we both accepted that I was going out simply as a British diplomat."

The Saudis, who had not been aware that he was Jewish, had other ideas. No sooner had the *Jewish Chronicle* item appeared than the Saudi government, in a contretemps unique in modern British diplomacy, withdrew its earlier formal agreement to Sir Horace's posting. The Foreign Office, while declaring that his "experience and understanding of Arab problems would have enabled him to make an important contribution to Anglo-Saudi relations," concluded: "The decision is entirely within the prerogative of the Saudi government."

The then editor of the *Jewish Chronicle*, William Frankel, commented at the time: "Our job is to record news," at which the Dickie book snipes: "He had no regrets about being in-

strumental in spoiling Sir Horace's career."

And a quarter of a century later, Sir Horace indeed admits to bitterness. But not, he says, about his "spoiled career" — although he regrets having missed an opportunity to help "resolve very important problems" between Britain and the Saudis. He went on to serve as ambassador to Tanzania and, finally, to Turkey, where he still returns intermittently to teach a university course in diplomacy.

What does gall him, he says, are the still-unexplained leaks to British newspapers as the Saudi controversy raged that he was not much of a Jew after all. John Dickie's *Daily Mail*, for instance, spoke of the Saudis' "ban on our ex-Jewish envoy," one of a rash of tabloid suggestions that Sir Horace, who married a non-Jew, had himself ceased practising Judaism as a teenager.

Looking back, he allows it is "possible" that Foreign Office colleagues may have been behind the leaks, pressured as they were to explain how they could have nominated Sir Horace — who is still the only Jew ever to serve as a British ambassador — to the Saudi post.

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FEDERATION NEWS

Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto--United Jewish Appeal / Operation Exodus Jack Chisvin, President Steven Ain, Executive Director Thursday, April 30, 1992

Volunteer department plays an important role in Jewish community

What do deliverers of Meals on Wheels, the president of a prominent Jewish organization and the board members of a Jewish agency all have in common? They are volunteers — and volunteers are the heartbeat of the community.

In the case of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the most recent addition to the range of services provided to its beneficiary agencies is its Department for Human Resources Development (HRD), which facilitates volunteer placement.

Creation of a specific Department for Human Resources Development reflects the Federation's recognition that the role and function of volunteers and professionals is more crucial than ever to the success of our community enterprise, according to Judy Gwartz, HRD chairman.

"One of the unique characteristics of our community structure is the centrality of the role of volunteers," says Gwartz.

"Volunteers provide the leadership, vision and direction for our agencies. There was a time, perhaps, when passionate commitment to a cause or philanthropy was the

only criterion to qualify for leadership positions. Although these remain critical, the community infrastructure has grown far too complex, sophisticated and expensive to rely on those criteria alone," she notes.

She explains that the Federation has a special responsibility to assist member agencies in ensuring that all volunteers are properly motivated, oriented and skilled for the positions they assume.

Gwartz is also an officer of the Federation. Her associate chairmen include Didi Urbach (volunteer development) and Jerome Shore (board and professional development). The mandate of the department is to provide a range of services to beneficiary agencies across the spectrum of volunteer and professional development-related activities.

Within the area of volunteer placement, which is chaired by Gloria Clamen, HRD provides recruitment, training and referral opportunities to both direct service and policy level volunteers, (including the Federation's award-winning leadership development program.)

Through its board development programs, HRD provides ongoing issue-focused seminars and skills workshops for senior volunteer leadership.

As well, board development programs

include special skills workshops for newly appointed committee chairmen and consultations for boards or committees that require assistance in working more effectively. □



Human Resources Development (HRD), a department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, oversees volunteer placement and enhancement. Steering committee chairmen include, from left: Judy Gwartz, overall HRD Chair; Rosanne Ain, leadership development; Gloria Clamen, placement service; and Diana Swartz, outreach chair. Absent are Jerome Shore, board development; and Didi Urbach, volunteer development associate chair. (J. Brodbar photo)

Heuman's kindness recognized

At an early age, 21-year-old Danny Heuman developed a strong sense of community through volunteering for various causes. Heuman is the 1991 Senior Care volunteer of the year.

Undaunted by the loss of a limb to cancer in his late teens, he continued to give his time to others.

While pursuing an applied geography degree at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, he approached the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's human resource development department, which recommended he join Senior Care's volunteer team. Senior Care is a Federation beneficiary.

One of the agency's youngest volunteers, Heuman has given at least one morning a week to Senior Care since October, 1990 — doing everything from addressing envelopes to designing forms on the computer. Staff members describe him as punctual, helpful, professional and congenial.

A first-class athlete with awards in swimming and relays, Heuman has been helping at Senior Care for several months before anyone realized he had a prosthetic leg.

Beyond Senior Care, Heuman gives his time to children who face an amputation at Sick Children's Hospital. He is also a representative of the Terry Fox Foundation.

(from Senior Care Review, Winter 1992)

Volunteers provide many direct community services

Perhaps the greatest misperception about Toronto's Jewish community service delivery network is that most direct services are provided by paid professionals. The reality is that most direct services to agency clients are provided by volunteers. On that basis, each of the service agencies affiliated to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto devote significant resources to identify and train volunteers to carry out their work.

"The HRD service has expanded our volunteer base in significant ways," comments Weintraub.

One of the primary functions of the Federation's Department for Human Resources Development (HRD) is to augment the activity of beneficiary agencies in the area of direct service and volunteer recruitment. This is done through the work of the HRD volunteer interview and referral committee. Chaired by Terri Weintraub and coordinated by Shelly Rotman, the

service is provided by a committee of 12 volunteers who have been fully trained in interview techniques and who are continually updated on volunteer needs throughout the community infrastructure.

The process is actually quite simple. People seeking volunteer opportunities call the HRD office. Groups of potential volunteers are interviewed once a month. On the basis of interviews, the department makes referrals to appropriate volunteer opportunities, based on the skills, interests and time availability of the individual applicant.

The service is not intended to replace or reduce the efforts of any beneficiary agency in their own volunteer recruitment programs. Rather, this service augments the work of beneficiary agencies by providing broad-

based information to people not sure of where they want to volunteer and by pre-screening potential volunteers.

Jewish Information Service (JIS) is one of the agencies that has benefited from the service. In the last two years, JIS has received more than 30 volunteer referrals for its information and referral service, as well as for its Tel-Aide Distress Line.

"JIS appreciates the fact that many of the volunteers referred through the HRD service were not previously aware of our need for volunteers or the range of opportunities we offer. Direct service volunteers are continually needed throughout the service infrastructure." Those interested in exploring the range of current volunteer opportunities may call Shelly Rotman at 635-2883, ext. 137. □

HRD initiates coordinators' forum

FEDERATION — Direct service agencies depend on volunteers to provide most services to clients. Many of our agencies retain professionals to provide coordination, training placement and followup with their volunteer complement.

For the first time in many years, professional coordinators of volunteer services, in federation-affiliated

agencies, are meeting together on a regular basis. The forum of agency volunteer coordinators was initiated by the Federation Department for Human Resources Development (HRD).

The purpose is to share information, experience and resources, says HRD director Gerald Fisher. In addition to information sharing, the forum is also a venue for professional development. In future, the forum hopes to provide training opportunities for volunteers throughout the community.

Says Fisher "The volunteer coordinators' forum serves as an excellent example of the appropriate role of Federation in providing service to the family of beneficiary agencies. The work of the Federation is to help our agencies to do their jobs better. Given the magnitude of the volunteer dimension of the community enterprise, the support we provide our agencies on volunteer-related issues is fundamental to the Federation-agency relationship". □

DIRECT SERVICE POSITIONS

MEALS ON WHEELS captains to oversee delivery procedures; volunteer visitors needed for Senior Care.

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FOR THESE AND MORE volunteer opportunities, call Shelly Rotman at 635-2883, ext 137.

Hold the Date!

HRD

VOLUNTEER INTERVIEW & REFERRAL DAY

Wednesday May 13th, 1 p.m.

Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

For further information call

Shelly Rotman at 635-2883 ext. 137

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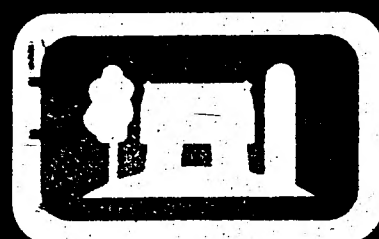
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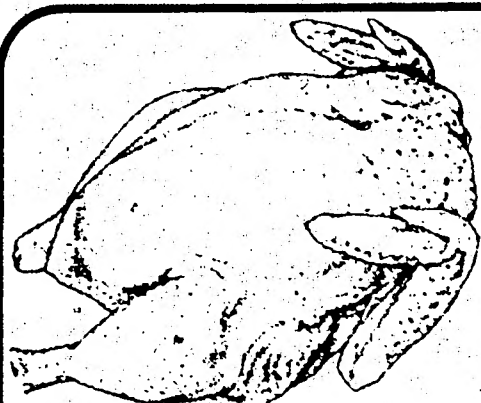
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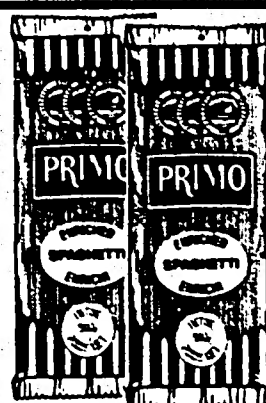


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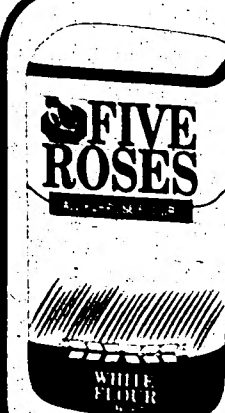
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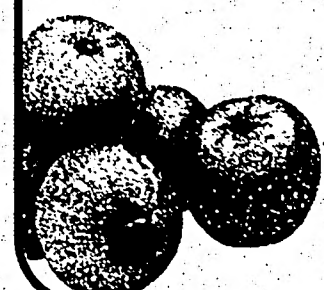
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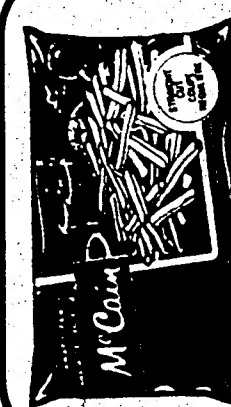
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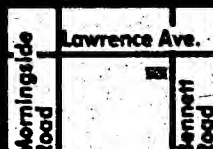


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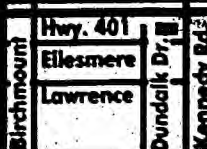
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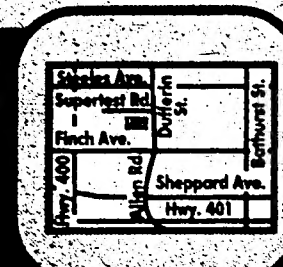
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Organizations and People

Emotional protest held over school funding

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Emotions ran high at a meeting last week of a committee of the Metro Toronto School Board, as supporters of public funding for Jewish day schools urged the board to withdraw from a lawsuit on the issue.

With dozens of Jewish parents chanting in the corridor immediately outside the board's meeting room, and with his interruptions of the board ruled out of order, Congress spokesman Murray Segal challenged the board: "Who's out of order, you or those people?"

"What we'll do is elect new trustees and we'll be more in order," Segal said.

The remarks came at the end of presentations by Segal and by Trudy Shecter, chairman of Families For Equality in Education (FFREE), who both called on the board to reconsider its decision to intervene in a case launched by five Jewish parents who are challenging the constitutionality of school funding practice.

The parents' lawsuit, backed by Congress, alleges that their Charter rights to equality and freedom of religion are being infringed because Jewish day schools in Ontario receive no government funding while Roman Catholic schools are fully supported.

The suit also asks the court to order the province to provide health support services in Jewish day schools.

An estimated 1,000 members of the Jewish community, responding to a mobilization campaign initiated by FFREE, crowded into the board's offices, anterooms, corridors and outside the front doors.

Inside, Segal told the meeting that, "It is morally outrageous that substantial minority segments of our community continue to be discriminated against solely on the basis of their religious affiliation."

"What irks even more is the fact that you have chosen to spend a large amount of our money through the taxes that we pay you to deny us access to... educate

our children," he said, adding that the board may lay out up to \$1 million in legal fees if the case goes to the Supreme Court.

In her address, Shecter told the board that "I'm an angry parent and an angry taxpayer."

She said she was "shocked" that the Metro board is opposing the Congress/parent law suit at a time of severe financial difficulties, saying it was a "waste of resources" and "redundant" in light of the province's participation in the suit.

North York trustee Mae Waese, who chairs the Metro board, responded to the presentations by saying the board is "supporting and defending the public school system."

"We regard [that] system as the very foundation of an equitable and tolerant society," she said.

"What is at stake in this case is how education is financed in Ontario. . . It is our belief that there are very limited public funds available for education and the public schools should not be jeopardized by having these education dollars dispersed through other institutions and used to cover the additional costs this entails."

She said the board has budgeted \$50,000 for the case.

Following the formal addresses, the board deliberated whether to make Segal's and Shecter's remarks part of the minutes. Trustee David Moll said such a move would entail unnecessary cost. That prompted Segal's first outburst, who said he was "insulted" by Moll's remark.

When the board indicated it would consider Segal's and Shecter's presentations in private, Segal again interrupted, and when it was ruled he was out of order, he made the suggestion that new trustees should be elected.

Outside, the crowd shouted for equality and chanted, "When's the election?"

Later, Segal told *The C/N* that the board "was compounding the moral offense... by debating it in private. The public is entitled to know who stands where on the case."

Cemeteries Act changes increase cost of dying

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The first revisions to Ontario's Cemeteries Act in 37 years will mean it's going to cost more to bury the dead in Jewish cemeteries.

That's according to William Drainin, president of Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park — Pardes Shalom, the city's largest communal cemetery.

The purpose of the revisions is increased consumer protection and improved, fairer services, Ontario Consumer Minister Marilyn Churley said of the legislative changes.

The revisions were actually passed in 1988 but as of the first of April, the act introduced a new surcharge on monuments and cemetery markers, which some critics have called a tombstone tax.

The surcharge is intended to maintain the upkeep of tombstones. Crumbling and unsafe tombstones resulted in the death of a 4-year-old girl in 1987 when one toppled onto her, and severely injured a 3-year-old girl in Windsor last June in a similar accident.

But the tombstone tax "will cause problems" in the Jewish community, Drainin said.

It will boost the cost of monuments' upkeep by between \$50 and \$200, which will be deposited in a cemetery's care and maintenance fund every time a marker is installed.

And from now on, that surcharge will be collected in addition to required contributions to a cemetery's

perpetual care fund. That will go up by five percent, from 35 percent to 40 percent of the plot's cost or \$150, whichever is greater.

The ministry says it had to boost contributions to perpetual care funds because cemeteries have inadequate incomes to provide proper care and maintenance.

Drainin said the increases will mean not only more expensive plot and tombstone maintenance but less money for cemeteries' overall operating costs, if those costs are not passed on to the consumer.

Cemeteries will either have to re-evaluate their costs or increase their fees, Drainin said, adding he feels the latter is more likely.

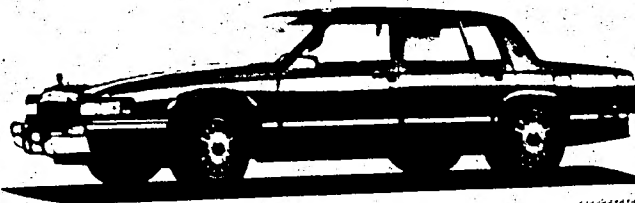
Even though money in a perpetual care fund is held in trust and its interest is used for tombstones' upkeep, "it won't make any difference to the consumer. It just means more money."

As well, the revisions call for all cemetery owners to be licensed and pay a \$10 fee for each burial. Drainin feels that too will be passed to the consumer.

The changes also prohibit door-to-door or telephone solicitation for cemetery plots, requires that all money prepaid to cemeteries for future services be held in trust and requires full disclosure of contract details to consumers.

It also calls for a 30 day "cooling-off" period during which consumers may cancel contracts and get a full refund.

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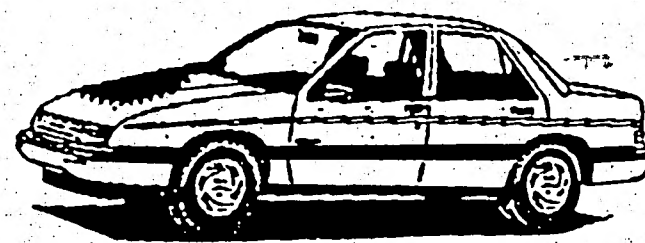


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Eban set to address Winnipeg JNF dinner

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Abba Eban will be the keynote speaker at this year's annual Negev Dinner. "This is the first time he (Eban) has been here in many years," says Bill Goldberg, president of the Jewish National Fund for Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Goldberg is also excited about this year's honoree, Sidney J. Spivak, a man he describes as a leading figure both in the Jewish community and nationally.

Politically, Spivak is certainly well known. He was active in provincial politics for 20 years. During that period, he served several terms in the Manitoba Legislature as the member for River Heights. He served in several cabinet positions as well as being leader of the Manitoba Conservative Party and leader of the official opposition in the legislature from 1971-1975.

Nationally, Spivak has long been involved in the Canada-Israel Committee including a term as chairman. He has also been active in Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University serving as a national vice-president and a member of the Board of Governors of the university.

Locally, in addition to being a past

president of the Winnipeg chapter of the Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University, Spivak has been involved in a wide range of communal organizations ranging from membership on the board of theatre groups and hospitals, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, citizenship and refugee work to B'nai Brith, the YMHA Jewish Community Centre and the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. His relationship with the Jewish National Fund and the JNF Negev Dinner go back many years.

"Harold Buchwald and I used to go around with our JNF boxes as kids collecting door to door," he recalls. "His mother and my mother were both active Zionists."

Spivak chaired the 1982 and 1991 dinners. The '91 dinner honoree was Buchwald. As this year's dinner chairman, Buchwald is returning the favor. Spivak notes he has also been a speaker twice at the dinner and co-chaired the Corporate Role of Honor on several occasions.

Now in its 40th year, the Negev Dinner is the largest of its kind in North America. Goldberg expects over 1,500 people in attendance at the affair which will be held in the Winnipeg Convention Centre (which has kosher catering) on June 16.

Jewish Song Festival open

MONTREAL —

A new international Jewish Song Festival, sponsored by the Hazzan Mendelson Music Foundation of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, is calling for entries on a Jewish theme to be judged at a gala concert, Oct. 24, in Montreal.

A total of \$3,500 will be awarded for the three winning songs. First prize will be \$2,000.

Songwriters are invited to submit unpublished songs in a popular idiom with original words and music in any of the following languages: English, French, Hebrew, Yiddish or Ladino.

Entries must include written lyrics, melody line and chords, as well as a

cassette taping. Material cannot be returned. Deadline for submission is Aug. 1, 1992. Twelve finalists will be performed with orchestral arrangement at a live concert on Oct. 24. Peter Smolash is associate producer.

For more information, entry forms and/or contest regulations, contact: The International Jewish Song Festival, Hazzan Mendelson Music Foundation of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Avenue, Montreal, Quebec H3Y 3A2 or fax (514) 937-2067.

The Hazzan Mendelson Music Foundation was established in 1981 by a number of patrons to honor the life and memory of Cantor Nathan

Mendelson, who served Congregation Shaar Hashomayim for 35 years.

Widely acclaimed in his profession, Mendelson was one of the first presidents of the Cantors' Assembly of America. An accomplished multi-faceted individual, Mendelson was known as a lawyer, musician, composer, hazzan and mohel.

The Mendelson Music Foundation seeks to promote Jewish music in its various forms. Previous concerts in choral, cantorial, operatic and instrumental genres have featured Canadian composers, music of the Holocaust, music of prayer, in addition to classical and modern repertoire performed by a diversity of Canadian, international and young artists.

Soldiers of Israel branch to mark 50th anniversary

TORONTO —

The Toronto Branch of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel will mark the association's 50th anniversary at its annual tribute dinner on May 3 at the Regal Constellation Hotel.

The evening will also mark the 44th anniversary of the State of Israel and honor the soldiers of Zahal. The guest of the evening will be Rear Admiral Abraham Ben-Shoshan, who until recently was the commander-in-chief of the Israeli Navy.

As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations, several hundred of the overseas volunteers will join with thousands of Israeli volunteers in celebrating the jubilee year from May 24 to 28.

During the week of activities, the volunteers will be addressed by Defence Minister Moshe Arens and by the IDF Chief of the General Staff,

General Ehud Barak.

Arrangements have been made to visit with the soldiers at various army installations and military bases. Those attending the gathering will also witness the Association "in action" and visit the various facilities and see the projects which the Association makes available for the men and women on active duty with the IDF.

The Toronto delegation will include Jack and Charlotte Muskat, Eddie and Sylvia Fisch and Max and Irka Moneta.

The Toronto branch, formed 23 years ago, is one of the most active branches in the Association's overseas network. Among its many projects, it has funded the kitchen and a wing of bedrooms in Canada House at the Beersheva Soldiers Centre, the Kiryat Malachi Soldiers Centre, and participated in the construction of a club for soldiers in Ashdod.

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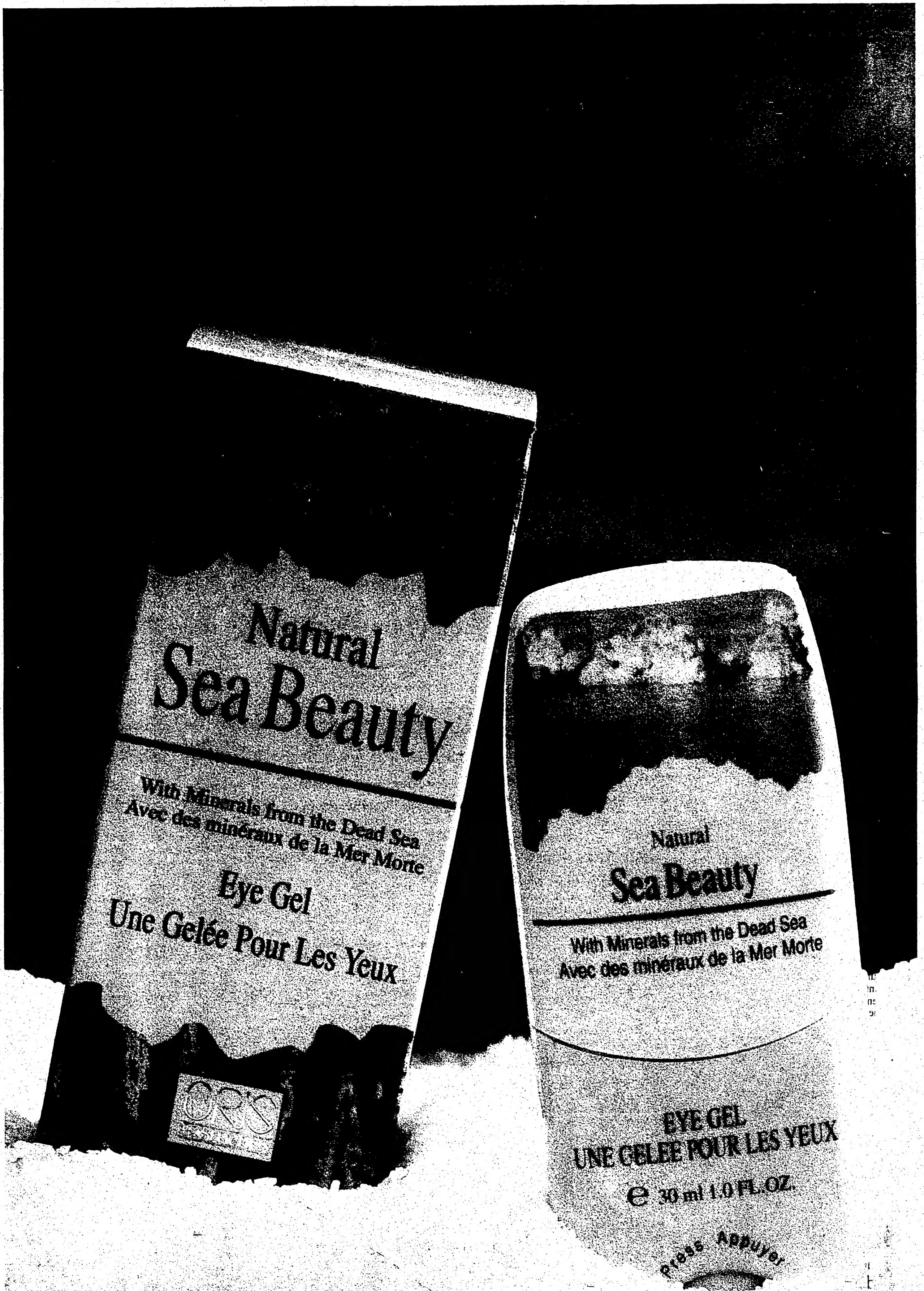
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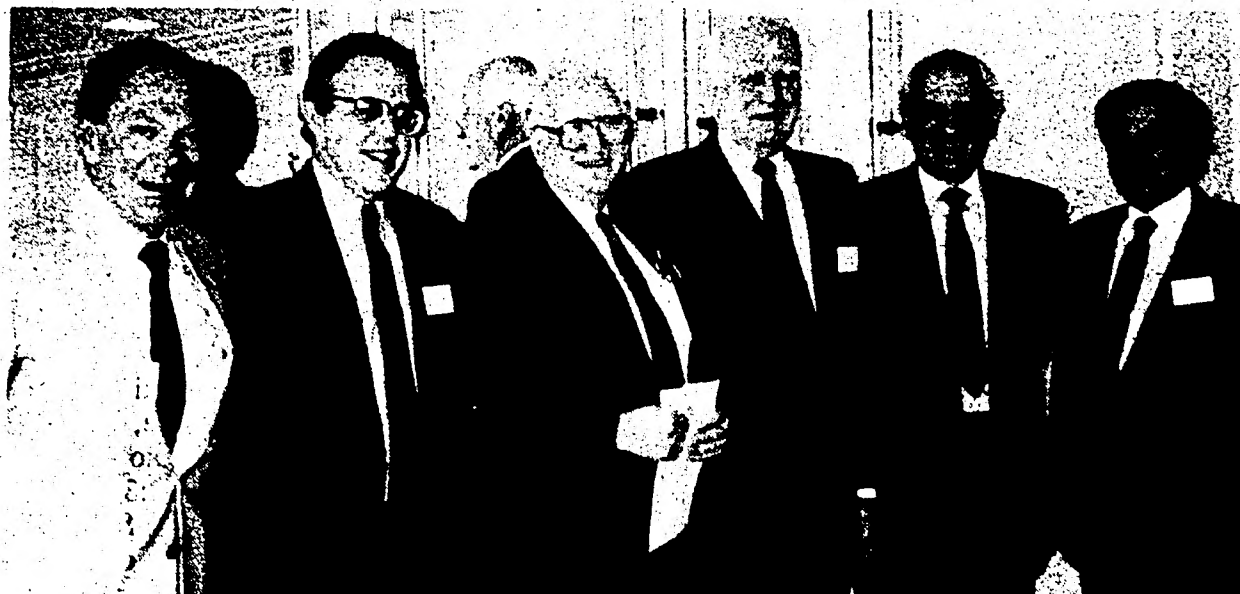
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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN



BOARD MEETING

At the national board meeting of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science held recently at the Park Plaza Hotel are (from left) Murray Koffler, chairman of the board, Weizmann Institute; Prof. Haim Harari, president of Weizmann Institute; Dr. Louis Simiovitch, vice-president, Canadian Society; Dr. Fraser Mustard, board member; Thomas Beck, chairman of the board and president of the Canadian Society, and James Kay, chairman emeritus, Canadian Society.

DEADLINE REMINDER

Please remember that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, April 30, is deadline for May 14 issue, and Thursday, May 7, is deadline for May 21 issue).

Also, please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Thursday, April 30

ART FUNDRAISING EVENT

Alpha Omega Auxiliary and Circle Gallery invite you to the 2nd annual art fundraising event Thursday, April 30, 8-10 p.m. at the gallery, 83 Yorkville Ave. to view the work of internationally acclaimed artists.

From April 30-May 7, a portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit dental volunteers in Israel.

Friday, May 1

ACCENT ON YOUTH

On Friday, May 1, at 8:15 p.m., Temple Sinai's Religious School Choir, under Ted Labow's direction, will provide choral music and cantorial solos for the Sabbath service, as part of the temple's Our Musical Legacy series. An Oneg Shabbat in celebration of the Religious

School will follow, including dancing and art displays.
The temple is located at 210 Wilson Ave.

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will appear at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., on Friday, May 1, from 2-3 p.m. Program will feature Jewish, popular and semi-classical music.

Saturday, May 2

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Try your luck at games of chance and enjoy the super dupe auction and many prizes to be drawn (grand prize is a trip for two for one week in the synny south) at Adath Sholom Synagogue's annual Monte Carlo Night Saturday, May 2, at 9 p.m. at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. For tickets, which are \$7 each, call 635-0131. Proceeds go to charity.

Sunday, May 3

EVENING OF SEPHARDIC CULTURE

A celebration of Sephardic Jewry to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain will take place Sunday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. at First Narayever Congregation, 187 Brunswick Ave.

Program features TV personality **Ralph Benmergui** (The Sephardic Community in Toronto: The Way We Were); **Jimmy Levy** (A Capsule History of a People); and **Abraham Bengio** (The Unique Beauty of Sephardic Literature). Admission is free.

GALA DINNER DANCE

Join in a tribute to the Soldiers of Zahal, defenders of Israel, and in celebration of Israel's 44th year of independence at a gala dinner dance Sunday, May 3, at 6 p.m. at Regal Constellation Hotel, 900 Dixon Rd. Special guest is **Rear Admiral Ben-Shoshan**, defence attache, Washington.

Couvert is \$200 (portion tax deductible). For tickets and information, call Association for Soldiers of Israel at 783-3053.

CELEBRATE LAG B'OMER

Anyone in Scouting or Guiding is invited to plant trees for Canada and celebrate Lag b'Omer Sunday, May 3, at St. Andrews Park (near Bayview and Hwy 401) from 10 a.m. to noon. Wear full or camp uniform and bring shovels and pails as well as flags and banners. Refreshments and trees provided. Campfire to follow planting.

For more information, and to RSVP, call **Robert Engel**, chairman, Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting, at 490-6364, ext. 246, days, or **Phyllis Denaburg**, observer, Girl Guides of Canada, at 787-2084 evenings.

SPRING INTO SPRING BAZAAR

Spring into spring with B'nai Brith Women's 42nd annual bazaar Sunday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Lawrence Market, 92 Front St. E. You'll find interesting boutiques, great food, bargains galore, a 3 p.m. auction, family entertainment, door prizes.

Tickets are \$2.

HABONIM'S BREAKFAST MEETING

Congregation Habonim's Breakfast Club invites you to hear writer/poet/librettist **Donia Clemen** speak about Three Faces of Love — Poland, Canada, Israel, Sunday, May 3, at 10 a.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave.

Breakfast and lecture are \$6.

MAKHELAT REENA YOUTH CHOIR

On Sunday, May 3, Beth Tikvah Youth Committee presents a concert of Hebrew and Yiddish music featuring the Makhelat Reena Youth Choir conducted by **Marilyn Birenbaum**, pianist **Shaya Petroff**, ESA String Quartet and **Michael Rumack** on the tambourine.

The time is 4 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students. Call Beth Tikvah at 221-3433 for ticket information.

CAR WASH

The Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf is holding a car wash Sunday, May 3, at the Petro Canada service station (southwest corner Bathurst/Sheppard) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It costs only \$5 to get a sparkling car. Come out and help a great cause.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH SISTERHOOD

Selma Taylor of Senior Care is the guest speaker at Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood's Sunday, May 3, breakfast meeting. The program takes place at 10 a.m. at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., following breakfast.

SPORTSCARD SHOW

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section's monthly Sportscard Show is set for Sunday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Admission is \$2.

ABOUT NEW ISRAEL FUND

On Sunday, May 3, Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club will hear the complete story behind New Israel Fund, an innovative organization devoted to promoting pluralism and democracy in Israel.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Monday, May 4

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Parents and prospective students are invited to Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., Monday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. when the synagogue's Congregational High School program of Jewish studies will be described. Tichon Beth Tzedec meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-7:15 p.m. This is a non-credit program.

For further information and to RSVP, call the school at 787-0381.

HONORING-PERETZ MIRANSKY

A concert honoring **Peretz Miransky** on Monday, May 4, at 8:15 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave, features **Cantor Louis Danto** and **Gloria Valentine** accompanied by **John Henry Nyenhuis**, Beth Tikvah Choir conducted by **Srul Glick** accompanied by **Dorothy Sandler Glick**; **Hindy Abelson** and **Nathan Garnick**, MC is **Aron Fainer**.

This event was arranged by Miransky Foundation of the Endowment Fund of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Admission is \$12.

ADDICTION AND RECOVERY

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood joins Jewish Family & Child Service in presenting a two-part sym-

posium on addiction and abuse. The first session Monday, May 4, deals with Addiction and Recovery in the Jewish Community with guest speaker social worker **Rochelle Thompson**.

The time is 7:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec, 1700 Bathurst St.

CAMP BILUIM ISRAEL MEETING

Camp Biluim Israel '92 parents' meeting will be held Monday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Zionist Building, 788 Marlee Ave. Leaders and directors will be on hand to discuss details of the Biluim tour and answer questions.

JEWISH SPIRITUALITY

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations joint adult education series on Jewish Spirituality continues Monday, May 4, at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., when **Rabbi Wayne Allen** discusses Shabbat: Burden or Blessing?

The Joy of Singing led by **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** follows at 9:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5

THE JEWISH FAMILY

At Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., the 2nd annual Frances Bitterman Memorial Lectures, a series of three lectures on the Jewish Family, opens Tuesday, May 5, at 8 p.m. with **Prof. Stuart Schoenfeld**, York University, lecturing on Changes in the Jewish Family.

KIMELMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Shira Herzog-Bessin, national vice-president, Canada-Israel Committee, will deliver the Marne Kimelman Memorial Lecture Tuesday, May 5, on the topic Israel and the Middle East: A Year of Transition.

The time is 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

The Kosher Cooking School sponsored by the Kashruth Council of Toronto is presenting a course on Breads and Pastries Galore Tuesday, May 5, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. The fee is \$15. Call 635-9550 for information and registration.

BOOK REVIEW

The second session of Beth Tzedec Sisterhood's two-part book review of *America and I*, reviewed by **Ruby Newman**, takes place Tuesday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Charge is \$3 members and seniors, \$4 non-members. RSVP by calling 781-3511.

Wednesday, May 6

BEVERLY SILLS TO SPEAK

This year's Toronto-WIZO Youth Aliyah Luncheon welcomes opera great **Beverly Sills** as its special guest and keynote speaker. The date is Wednesday, May 6, at the Toronto-Marriot Eaton Centre at noon.

For more information and/or reservations, call the Hadassah-WIZO office at 789-4373.

ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation invites you to celebrate Israel's 44th anniversary on Wednesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Program begins with a Yom Hazikaron service, followed by an evening of entertainment featuring the Jerusalem Dancers, and an Israeli buffet.

Cost is \$5 adults, children 12 and under free. For reservations, call 633-5500.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The To Life Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. For more information, contact **Rabbi Steven Cohen** at 229-2600.

Thursday, May 7

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

The community-wide Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, organized by Canadian Zionist Federation, is set for Thursday, May 7. From 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., there will various activities and entertainment.

The evening celebration, featuring Israel's dynamic duo The Parvarim, begins at 7:30 at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. Tickets (numbered) are \$12 adults, \$8 seniors and students. Call 633-3988 for ticket information.

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CRAFT SALE

Tracy Howland, Len Chodiker and Francine Socket are among the many artisans/craftspeople who will be displaying their work at the Craft and Gift Sale sponsored by Beersheba Club, Na'amat Canada, Sunday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bayview Sheppard Mall, Sheppard and Bayview. Proceeds will go to child care and education. Admission is free. [Mollie Rothman photo]

Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., presents **Bonia Shur**, director of liturgical arts, Hebrew Union College, as composer-in-residence May 1-3.

The weekend includes an Oneg Shabbat lecture on From Tradition to Jazz: a Perspective of Jewish Music Friday at 8:30 p.m.; a sermon in song Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and the Sacred Bridge Concert Sunday at 8 p.m. (general admission is \$15, seniors and students \$10).

For information and tickets, call 789-3291.

AT CHABAD-LUBAVITCH

Chabad Lubavitch offers numerous stimulating courses throughout the week—

Sunday mornings for men with **Rabbi Yosef Gansburg** and **Dr. Leo Steiner**; Monday mornings for women with **Rabbi Moshe Spalter**; Monday evenings for men and women with **Rabbi Gansburg** and **Rabbis Mendel Bernstein, David Schochet, Zalman Grossbaum, Yoah Shur**, and Wednesday evenings for men and women with **Rabbi Gansburg, Avihu Ben Ze'ev** and **Chana Weisberg**.

For details, call 731-7000. Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre is located at 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill.

ON STAGE AT THE LEAH POSLUNS

Come join Barney Cooper (as played by **Bob Ramsen**) on a humorous journey back in time in *Mother's Day*, now on stage at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Written by Toronto-born **Rubin Carson** and directed by **Reva Stern**, the play runs through May 24. The box office number is 630-6752.

DENNIS WALDMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Dennis Waldman Foundation for Jewish Education, an educational endowment created in memory **Dennis Waldman**, a gifted teacher in the Jewish community, is soliciting applications for the third Dennis Waldman Scholarship, to be awarded June 1992.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student graduating from high school who is going on to university or yeshiva or who intends to pursue a course of Jewish study.

Applications are available at the schools or through Solursh, Feldman & Partners, 2 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 1800, North York, M2N 6C1. The phone number is 250-1212. Further enquiries can be answered at 635-9765. Applications are due May 22.

HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION

If you are a survivor who spent the war in Nazi-occupied Europe, whether in the camps, in hiding, passing as a non-Jew, or in the resistance, the Toronto Jewish Congress Documentation Project committee would like to record your story on videotape for the archives. You will receive a copy of your testimony.

For further information and an application form, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

MAY DAY BANQUET

Toronto United Jewish People's Order and the Toronto Outlook committee (*Outlook Magazine*) are co-sponsoring a May Day Banquet to celebrate International Workers' Day on May 9 at 6 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrook Ave.

Cyndie Kaufman-Sinclair, Public Service Alliance of Canada, will speak on The PASC Strike — An Opportunity Missed. The program also in-

cludes songs by The Workers; Troubador and dance music.

Tickets are \$12.50 adults, \$6 children. For further information and tickets, call 533-6682 or 789-5502.

TEEN SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOP

The latest, coolest moves are included in the Special Party Dance Course offered at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., with award-winning dancer "Warren".

This special fun course is for teens who have attained their 13th birthday, and have not yet celebrated their 17th year. It is offered in 2 three-week periods of six sessions each.

To register or for information about all summer dance programs, call the Koffler Centre School of Dance at 631-5659.

CHAT FUNDRAISER

The Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) annual major fundraiser is set for Tuesday, May 26, at the Skydome when the Milwaukee Braves pay a visit.

Tickets, paid in advance, are \$100. Call 636-5984.

ABOUT MISSIONARIES

An eight-week course entitled What Every Jew Should Know About Missionaries begins Tuesday, May 12, at 8 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Sponsored by Jews for Judaism, the course will be given by **Rabbi Michael Skobac**.

The charge is \$36. Space is limited and registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 789-2851.

AROUND THE WORLD VIA BOOKS

Study books about life in other countries with University of Toronto lecturer **Hadassa Rosenberg**. The four-part series includes *Parimony* by **Philip Roth** (United States), April 29; *To Know a Woman* by **Amos Oz**, (Israel), May 6; *Jasmine* by **Bharati Mukherjee** (India), May 13, and *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water* by **Michael Dorris** (United States), May 20.

Sessions are at 1:30 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Fee is \$75. For further information, contact **Janice Segal** at 445-5046.

JUDAIC ART

An exhibit of Judaic Art on Paper and Fabric by Toronto artist **Marta Hauer** is on view at her studio at 460 Dupont St., May 2-5. Call 534-3348 for viewing hours.

TENNIS PLUS WEEKEND

The Israel Cancer Research Fund is holding its 3rd annual Tennis Plus Weekend at Camp Manitou-Wabing, May 29-31. It offers plenty of courts and lessons as well as other energy sports, recreational activities and entertainment.

Cost is \$175 if registering prior to May 8. For information, call ICRF at 487-2446.

JF & CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following workshops: Mid Life, Menopause and Me—myths, alternatives, life changes and coping strategies, begins May 13; Looking Ahead—living alone, parenting, separating from the past and moving on, begins May 12; Successful Step-Parenting—stresses, challenges and opportunities of living in a blended family.

For information about registration and fees, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800, ext. 215.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

A new support group has been formed for women with cancer who have chosen a holistic/alternative approach. Call **Nadine** at 889-9642.

YOGA ANYONE?

Would you like to improve the quality of your life? Why not join the yoga group and increase the flow of energy and vitality in your body, stretch, breathe and relax, and achieve body/mind harmony.

The group meets Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Classes are suitable for men and women of all ages. For further information, call **Magda** at 481-0962.

for seniors

The Association of Jewish Seniors invites all interested persons to a meeting Thursday, May 7, at 10 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., when Metro councillor and Police Services board chairman **Norman Gardner** will speak on personal and property security, with special attention to the Young Offenders Act.

The Overbrook Cultural Club is presenting Oscar-winning film (best foreign film 1990) *Cinema Paradiso* Wednesday, May 6, at 2 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Pl. Admission is free for mem-

bers, \$1 for non-members. For information, call **Millie Herzog** at 221-7207.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's Mother's Day luncheon takes place Monday, May 11, at 12:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., with a musical program featuring singer **Lenka Lichtenberg**. The 10-session lecture series on Coping With Life with **Harriet Sharkey**, co-sponsored by North York Board of Education, is held Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Reservations are being taken for the Catskill trip to the Homowack Hotel July 20-28 as well as for the ballet *The Merry Widow* at O'Keefe Centre Friday, May 15, and the three musicals at Art Park June 10, July 30 and Aug. 13. For information on trips and activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

May highlights at **Shalom Village**, 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton, are — Sunday, May 3, 10th anniversary party with entertainment by the Kleezma Band; Thursday, May 7, special meal and entertainment marking Israel Independence Day; Tuesday, May 12, trip to McMichael Art Gallery in Kleinberg; Friday, May 15, Shabbat service with **Rabbi Zeplovitz**; Sunday, May 24, Simcha Sunday celebrating birthdays of **Nellie Brown** and **Norma Leaf** with entertainment by **Irv Murdick**. For information, call **Susan Mills** at 528-5377.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club events include—Saturday, May 2, dance in the club house, 7-10 p.m.; Mother's Day party and dance, Sunday, May 10, 7-11 p.m. in Earl Bales Community Centre; day cruise in Caledonia Tuesday, May 19; Catskills trip to the Raleigh Hotel, July 19-24, plus upcoming trips to Niagara Falls, Stage West and Port Dalhousie. For more details on all programs and trips, call 636-7856.

There are a few seats available for **LZA Seniors Club's** trip to Western Canadian Rockies and Vancouver, June 21-July 2. Call **Libby Ravka** at 782-2059 for details. The regular monthly meeting will be a Mother's Day celebration Wednesday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m. at the Borochoy Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., with entertainment by **Lenka Lichtenberg**. Folk dancing is held Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m. (to register, call **Libby Ravka**). The Cultural Club meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Also being planned are a stay at Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills and a Thousand Islands trip.

The first meeting of the **New Travel Club**, a fun-loving group, 50 plus, is set for Monday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre, Room 5. This is an opportunity for singles to meet and share, and couples to take advantage of group rates. Four trips are now being planned. For information, call **Bernice** at 633-7034 or **Edith** at 638-3652.

Join the **Young at Heart Seniors** deluxe trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 20-28, including trips to Corning Factory, Atlantic City, Bingham, deluxe medical insurance, and lots more! The cost is \$885 Canadian. Partners available. For information, call **Helen** at 635-6343 after 7 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — A course on Zionism — Partnership Between the Jewish People and the Land of Israel with **Selma Sage** begins Thursday, May 7, from 1-2:30 p.m. Register by the end of April. This is co-sponsored with North York Board of Education. Mixed Media Crafts with **Sally Blackman** continues Monday, May 4, 1-3 p.m. for beginners and Thursday, May 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m. with **Creat a Yarn Doll**. On Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. current events discussions are led

by **Doug Haddow**. For information about all programs, call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

On Thursdays at **North York Community House**, 3101 Bathurst St., there are fitness classes from 10-11 a.m.; current event discussions from 11 a.m. to noon, and lectures, bingo, bridge and other games from 1-3 p.m. For information, call 784-0920.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A Holocaust memorial service takes place Thursday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m. with keynote speaker **William Gieberzon**, executive director; **Cantor Chaim Winer** and the Bernard Betel Choir.

Etrog, the Israeli cultural club, is holding a Yom Hazikaron service Wednesday, May 6, at 10 a.m. Then a Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at 7 p.m. featuring singer **Shlomo Aviv**. A full course dinner will be served (\$15 members, \$17 non-members).

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is presenting *Getting the Right Help at the Right Time*, a two-session series led by seniors from Senior Care, Thursday, May 7 and 14, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Registration is limited. Register with **Sandra Haberman** at the Wellness desk or call 225-2112.

A gala concert presented by the Ways and Means Committee Wednesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. features **Jenny Eisenstein** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**. Admission is \$3.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the Centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. On April 30 the Bernard Betel drama group will present a play about elder abuse, followed by discussion. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band on Sunday, May 3, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Charge is \$3.50 members, \$4 non-members.

Celebrate Jewish Heritage Week at the Pines Hotel in the Catskills June 22-26. The cost is \$510 double accommodation, \$600 single, and \$505 triple (Canadian funds) and a super Festival Week program. Call **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112 for details.

at the JCC

Six sessions on Parenting is Hard Work will be held at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9, beginning May 5. Share your interests, needs and concerns. Discussions, led by a family life educator from Jewish Family & Child Service, will include discipline, routines, family roles, and building self-esteem. For more information, call **Bibi Golberg** at 636-1880, ext. 250.

The Bloor Y Twentysomething Downtowners Club is arranging brunch and a visit to the McMichael Gallery Sunday, May 10, at 11:30 a.m. Meet at the North Y, Room 210. Cost is \$18 and reservations and payment must be made by Thursday, May 7. For more information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

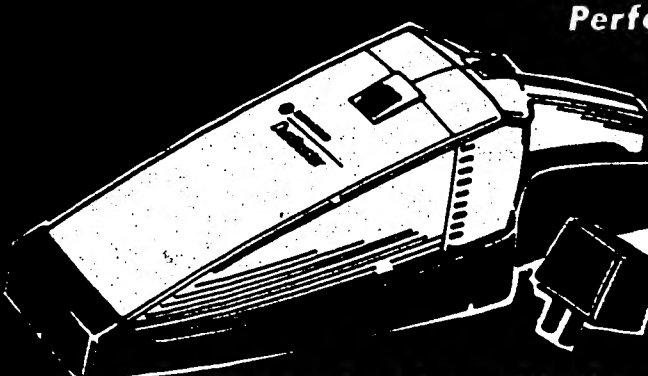
Hashomer Hatzair, a Zionist movement for ages 9-16, is coming to the Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., Sunday, May 3 and 10, from 3:10-5 p.m. Registration is \$6. To register in advance, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

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Organizations and People

Student volunteers honored

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

A record 40 high school students were honored for their volunteer activities at a recent ceremony at city hall here.

It was the largest number of awards ever presented in the 23-year history of the Max Rotman Youth Humanitarian Award, which is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and the city of Hamilton.

The award commemorates Max Rotman, JCC physical education and camp director from 1953 until his death in 1967.

A much loved and greatly respected youth leader, he inspired and guided a generation of teenagers to become responsible, concerned citizens as well as committed members of the Jewish community.

Many of those who grew up under his guidance can today be found in local leadership positions.

The award is open to the entire community and is given to young per-

sons between the ages of 14 and 19 for their "cheerful dedication to fellow man" and "performance of some outstanding humane service."

A special award this year went to former JCC president Howard Katz, in appreciation of his 20 years of service on the Max Rotman awards committee, including two years as chairman in 1976-77.

A well-known Hamilton lawyer, Katz was among those who grew up under Rotman's guidance.

Although he laments the fact that so few members of the Jewish community attend the event, Katz regards the annual awards presentation at city hall as of great value to the Jewish community.

Whole families come out to watch with pride as their teenagers are being honored and "it's nice," says Katz, "that we in the Jewish community take part in the award-giving."

Originally, one overall winner was chosen to receive the award on behalf of all those nominated but about five years ago, the format was changed to name all nominees as

winners.

Picking one winner was "really almost impossible," comments awards committee chairman, Pam Bojeski. "It's nice that all are being honored equally," she says.

Now a probation officer, Bojeski won the award in 1979 and has served on the committee ever since. She was impressed by the extraordinary variety of volunteer jobs undertaken by these young people, not only locally in hospitals and other institutions or helping others within their own schools, but even travelling to countries such as Nicaragua, El Salvador or the Dominican Republic to distribute food and help set up schools.

JCC executive director Neil Silvert was equally impressed.

Hearing about the volunteer activities of these young people was "very moving. Some of these kinds were so outstanding," he says.

Over 200 people attended the ceremony and Silvert, too, sees the event as a valuable "inter-community outreach program."



PASSOVER SEDER

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Organizations and People

Valinsky to be feted at Bonds breakfast

By
MOURA WOLPERT

LONDON —

Max Valinsky has been named honoree of the London annual State of Israel Bonds Breakfast.

Held this year in conjunction with London Hadassah-WIZO, Dr. Isidore Goldstick London Lodge 1012, B'nai Brith, and the recently formed Israel committee of the London Jewish Federation, the gala breakfast will take place May 31, 9:30 a.m., in the Harris Room of the London Jewish Community Centre. Couvert is \$12 per person.

Long regarded as one of the London Jewish community's "true unsung heroes," Valinsky was born and raised in Toronto, where he graduated from high school in 1948.

A talented trumpet player, he worked at a variety of jobs during the day while playing in bands at night.

In 1967, Valinsky bought a clothing store in Tillsonburg and the same year, settled in London with his wife, Betty, whom he married in 1954, and their three young daughters.

Since his arrival here, Valinsky has been an active member of Dr. Isidore Goldstick Lodge. Currently president-elect, he held a variety of positions and

was also actively involved in B'nai Brith's holiday relief program for local hospitals and nursing homes, which had to be discontinued because of liability insurance problems.

A former chairman of the B'nai Brith Soviet Jewry committee, Valinsky has devoted a large part of his volunteer activities to organizing letter-writing sessions and petitions on behalf of Refuseniks. Later, as Jews began to leave the Soviet Union, he became an energetic member of a community group looking after the welfare of those who came to settle in London. For the past year and a half, he and his friend and helper, Mark Bershteyn, have been

responsible for collecting, storing and moving furniture and other household items donated by the community for recent immigrants.

A generous donor to numerous other causes, Valinsky has over the years established an endowment fund in B'nai Brith, a scholarship fund for Boys' Town, Jerusalem, contributed to the new settlement of Ya'Alon in the Arava and planted a "forest" in the Galil.

The guest speaker at the breakfast will be noted entertainer, Joey Russell, who will give a first-hand account of his most recent visit to Israel and the progress being made with the proceeds from the sale of Israel Bonds.



Max Valinsky

BBW/C planning national conference

TORONTO —

B'nai Brith women Canada is currently planning its national conference to be held at the Far Hills Inn in Val Morin, Quebec, May 29-May 31.

The theme of this year's conference is Catch the Leadership Express with the focus being on leadership training. The goal of the conference is to provide leadership, inspiration, motivation and to foster education about BBW/C.

Gloria Levitt, president of BBW/C is pleased to announce that Roslyn Malin of Montreal is the chairman of the conference. Malin brings over 20 years of BBW/C experience to her role. As well, Malin has served her community as a volunteer teacher for children with learning disabilities.

Also attending the conference and presenting various workshops will be Joan Kort, newly-elected president of B'nai Brith Women International.

For more information and registration forms call the national office at (416) 630-9313, the eastern area office at (514) 487-2330 or the western area office at (204) 338-8229.

Variety concert set

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Hadassah-WIZO Council of Winnipeg has recruited some talented local youngsters for a variety concert and Youth Aliyah family brunch on Sunday, May 3, at the International Inn.

The concert is being directed by Jerry Maslowsky, a well-known local singer and dancer with a long career in musical theatre in productions in Winnipeg. He held auditions on March 24 and expressed his pleasure at the number of talented children and teenagers who came out.

The children selected to perform range in age from 7 to 17. The youngest are Breanne Stern and Jenna Leigh Katz, both singers and dancers. Other performers include classical pianists Jason Gordon, Lyle Stronger and Tanya Roitman, the violin duo of Jeffery Ludwig and Marshall Singer and dancers Becky Chisick, Rachel Tenenbein and Shayla Solomon. Maslowsky will also be singing some Yiddish songs.

"We had six young people singing and dancing two years ago," says Shaaron Weinstein, the Youth Aliyah chairman this year, "but this is the first time we have put on a variety concert."

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Organizations and People

Former Windsor mayor to be honored by JNF

By
MOURA WOLPERT

WINDSOR —

The former mayor of Windsor, Ont., John Millson, has been named recipient of the Windsor Jewish community's 1992 Negev Dinner tribute.

In making the announcement, Windsor Jewish National Fund president, Vicky Zalev, described the former mayor as a man known for his "leadership, hard work and dedication."

The dinner will be held June 18, in the Charles Zalev social hall at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

Mayor Mike Hurst will act as dinner chairman, the overall campaign will be led by Carl S. Cohen, and Jerry Goldberg will chair the Jewish community team.

Proceeds from the dinner will go towards the John Millson Park, which will help create a green belt around a new community in Eilat. The park will provide a playground and recreation area, mostly for new immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

The names of major contributors will appear on the John Millson Wall of Honor.

First elected to city council in 1982, Millson was 36 when he became mayor of Windsor in 1988.

Already known early in his political career for his organizational skills and as a "hands-on" politician (when re-elected to council in 1985, he had the highest percentage of votes in the city), Millson immediately decided that enough studies of various community projects had been done and that the time for action had come.

Under his leadership, a full financial plan was developed, which boost-

ed the city's credit rating from a low B to A, and council began to create some of the desperately needed convention facilities, such as the Cleary International Centre.

Millson also succeeded in obtaining over \$11.5 million from senior government officials representing three different political parties, and with the aid of an excellent city council and administration, fought for various other projects such as expansion



John Millson

of the Ford plant and the purchase of industrial land.

While mayor, Millson was a member of the Windsor police services board, the Windsor-Essex County Development Commission, the waste management committee, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, as well as numerous other committees.

He was recognized and respected across the nation as a leader in his fight to retain the CBC in Windsor, as chairman of the Border City

Mayors dealing with cross-border shopping, and as an executive with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

To Windsor's Jewish community, Millson has long been known for his commitment, assistance and efforts on behalf of many charities and committees.

Born and raised in Windsor, Millson demonstrated his considerable leadership qualities early in life. In public school he rose to the rank of captain of the safety patrols and represented Windsor on Parliament Hill, meeting the prime minister and other officials. And he was president of the renowned Forster Collegiate Band when it represented Windsor at both Expo 67 in Montreal and Expo 70 in Japan.

Following his graduation from the University of Windsor, Millson entered the family business of Fisher's Flowers, which he purchased in 1981. Under his direction, the business quadrupled in size over the next five years.

Millson is vice-president of the Windsor Red Cross, a director of the Rotary club, chairman of the Easter Seal Campaign and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

He continues to serve on various committees, including the Windsor Development Commissions, Prosperity 2000, the Japan America Society, the Advisory Committee for the Disabled, the Downtown Business Association and the Freedom Festival Committee.

Millson and his wife, Gail, are the parents of four children, Erica, 18, Jody, 16, Katie, 15, and John Jr., 13.

For reservations and further information, call the Windsor JNF office, 519-969-8733.



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Organizations and People

School's family retreat strengthens Jewish ties

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The 12 students in the Grade 6 class at Talmud Torah-I.L. Peretz Folk School and their families recently participated in the school's first family retreat.

About 70 people spent the weekend at a camp near Gimli (about an hour's drive north of Winnipeg) learning together, getting to know each other's families, celebrating Shabbat together and strengthening their commitment to Jewish study, Jewish identity and a Jewish lifestyle.

"To my knowledge, this is the first retreat of this kind in Canada," says Ami Sabari, the school's Judaic studies co-ordinator, Grade 6 teacher and the man who co-ordinated the Shabbaton.

"The transmission of Judaism from generation to generation is the joint responsibility of the home or family, the school and the synagogue," he says. "We all have a common purpose in strengthening Jewish life. The school has a major task in reaching the family through programs which strengthen the knowledge and commitment toward Jewish identity and enrich the Jewish life experiences."

Sabari proposed the Shabbaton as a way to really involve parents in the educational process and unite home, school and synagogue. Planning for the retreat began in April, 1991. The planners had to consider the needs of the parents, the soon-to-be bat-mitzvah Grade 6 students, their younger siblings and their older siblings.

Committees also had to deal with location and date, fund raising, food preparation and programming. "We made a real effort to listen to what the Grade 6 students wanted," Sabari says.

The weekend began Friday morning at

the school with a class discussion about Oneg Shabbat led by Rabbi Henry Balsar of the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, a talk by Morris Henoch of the Second Generation Group about the March of the Living and challah and pastry baking led by parent volunteers.

At the camp, there were a number of workshops interspersed over the three days. On Friday afternoon and evening, there were workshops for all participants on Shabbat preparation and the bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah in the Jewish life cycle.

The facilitator was Rabbi Neal Rose of the University of Manitoba. On Saturday, after morning Shabbat services, Shelley Hasinoff spoke to the parents on communication, Phil Reiss addressed the older youth on anti-Semitism and Shlomo Benaroch spoke to the Grade 6 students on what it means to be a good Jew.

This was followed by sports activities and swimming, afternoon Shabbat services and Shaloh Seudos and evening sessions on the decline of morality (for the parents) led by Dr. Arthur Schaffer, a professor in the philosophy department of the University of Manitoba. Jewish view of euthanasia for the teens, led by Reiss, and peer pressure for the Grade 6 students, led by Hasinoff. A late night session for the parents looked at the origins of Jewish Laws and customs.

Sunday morning, Col. Benny Arieli of the Jewish National Fund spoke about Israel and its neighbors. Following brunch, the weekend concluded.

"I am proud of this enterprise and the support we received in the community," says Sabari. "I am certain this event will be long remembered by the students and their families. I am recommending this become a yearly event for the Grade 6 families."

NCSY Shabbaton planned to bring youth together

TORONTO —

National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) will be holding a junior Shabbaton for Grades 6 - 8 in Montreal, at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, May 1 - 3.

Youngsters from throughout Ontario and Quebec will join in this weekend of ruach, friendship and Jewish life.

A special Saturday night program is being planned.

A band, great advisors and spirited atmosphere will create an impression that will never be forgotten, says a media release.

NCSY also announced that its regional convention will be held for the first time in the Laurentian Mountains in Quebec.

The organization has secured the facilities of Mont Habitat for its annual event.

The regional convention is the culmination of activities that have taken place through the year. In addition to the band,

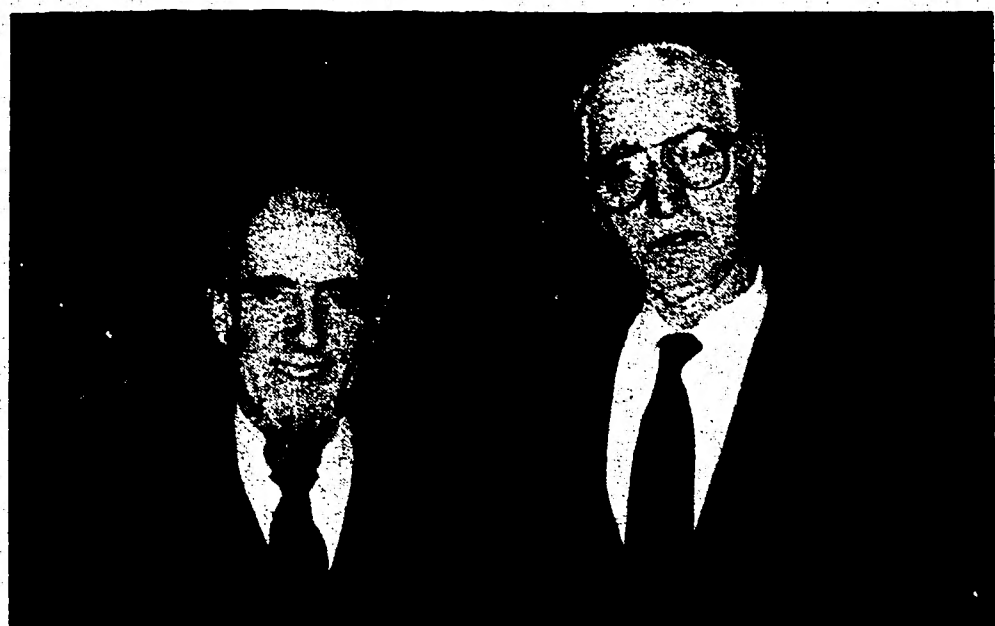
ruach, friendly atmosphere, and sports activities, the convention will hold an awards ceremony banquet.

"New and old participants from Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick will share an experience that will linger long in their memories," said the release.

NCSY will award the Philip Wintrob and Amoch scholarships at this event. In addition, regional elections will be held to appoint the new leadership for the 1992/93 year.

This event is open for new and old participants in Grades 9 - 13. There is limited space so please contact Ralph at the regional office immediately to secure a space. A scholarship program has been designed to enable participants who otherwise could not afford this event to attend.

For further information on both events, contact Ralph at (416) 782-4426.



MEETING WITH RABBIS

Rabbi Lookstein (left), principal of Ramaz School in New York, recently addressed the Toronto Board of Rabbis and met with board president Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue (right). He also spoke to participants of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's leadership development program, as part of a three-part series on Jewish education.

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Organizations and People

All-star lineup set for JCC dinner

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Jewish Community Centre (JCC) will be hard pressed to ever again match the glittering array of stars that are on tap for this year's 8th annual Sports Celebrity Dinner, set for Wednesday June 3 at the Regal Constellation Hotel.

High-scoring, flashy skaters will occupy the head table, with hardly a fourth-line grinder among them.

Centring the head table's starting lineup is all-star comedian John Candy, flanked by entrepreneur Bruce McNall. Together with Wayne Gretzky, the three-man ownership team of the Toronto Argonauts are this year's JCC honorees. (While Candy and McNall are in the starting lineup, word is that Gretzky will be an early scratch, unable to attend the dinner.)

Rounding out the head table lineup are stars of stage, screen, gridiron and ice, who will be on hand to pay tribute to this year's troika of honorees:

Junior hockey star Eric Lindros will centre Hall-of-Famer Bobby Hull, and they will be joined by football dignitaries Mike McCarthy, general manager of the Grey Cup champion Argos, Adam Rita, the team's coach, and CFL commissioner Larry Smith.

The high-flying world of stage and screen will be represented by director Norman Jewison, *Les Miserables* star Michael Burgess (who'll sing the national anthem as well as a 10-minute medley of songs), high scorers Ed Mirvish and Garth Drabinsky and radio personality Brian Linehan.

A checking line of Ontario Premier Bob Rae, Lieutenant Governor Henry Jackman, Tourism & Recreation Minister Peter North, Metro Chairman Alan Tonks and North York Mayor Mel Lastman will round out the head table lineup.

Up to 1,500 people are expected to attend the dinner which could raise \$150,000 for the JCC's athletic facilities and special needs programs, said JCC operations director Harold Cipin.

The dinner will be jointly emceed by Ken Daniels of CBC Sports and Mark Hebscher of the Global network. Jack Donahue, former coach of the Canadian national basketball team, will deliver the



The new owners of the Toronto Argonauts, including funnyman John Candy (centre), will be this year's honorees at the JCC's sports celebrity dinner. With Candy and a cut-out of Wayne Gretzky are (from left) Paul Brownstein, executive director of the JCC; David Cowper, member of the dinner committee; Abe Glowinsky, dinner chairman; and Harold Cipin, director of operations for the JCC. [Paul Lungen photo]

keynote peptalk, while both Candy and McNall are expected to say a few words as well.

Prior to the dinner's opening faceoff, Humble Howard Glassman of CKFM will host a sports memorabilia auction that features as its top item a trip for two to Los Angeles, tickets to a Kings game in McNall's private box, dinner with the Kings' owner and three nights of hotel accommodation.

Other items up for grabs include one of Gretzky's game-used sweaters and autographed sticks; an illustrated and autographed stick by Bobby and Brett Hull; two passes to the owners' private box for an Argo game; two press-box and locker room passes for an Argo game; CFL and NHL game-worn sweaters; a Roots leather jacket; a computer system; and weekends in Toronto hotels.

Cocktails and auction kicks off at 6 p.m.

The evening's top door prize includes a trip for two to Paris, hotel accommodations and transfer from the airport to the hotel via helicopter.

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David Lisbona, a first year MBA student at McGill, raised over \$400 for the charity. About 20 people

turned out for the six hour session held at the Chapel Street JCC.

"I really wanted to make this an annual charity event for Operation Exodus and I think I have done just that," Lisbona said. "I feel that in these recessionary times people in Canada have overlooked the plight of new immigrants in Israel."

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Organizations and People

Former Montrealer to be feted

By
MAURICE LUCOW

KELOWNA, B.C. —

Mel Kotler, a former Montrealer who heads the fundraising effort for the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre, will be "roasted" at a testimonial to be held at the Capri Hotel here on June 2.

Robert Levin, president of the Okanagan Jewish Community, says the goal of the event is \$50,000, and it's hoped from 250 to 300 people will attend. A program book and an auction are included in the fundraising activity.

Levin says in his press release that Kotler has a "bull-dog" personality in pursuing his goals but "nobody said that bulldogs were good at math and it appears that with all the hard work and fundraising activities in the past, the community will still have to carry a mortgage higher than it should." The OJC hopes the roast will help relieve the situation.

Kotler, the son of Ida and Saul Kotler, was born in Montreal where he attended school. He went to work in the textile industry and was employed by Bruck Mills for 12 years, from 1964 to 1976.

Early in 1977 Kotler decided to head west and made his first stop Calgary, then on to Kelowna in 1986 to form a partnership venture, Fabricland Mid-West and Fabricland Pacific companies. There are now 58 Fabricland stores in western Canada.

Kotler has been actively involved in the Okanagan Jewish community, which has grown from the time he arrived there from 17 families to 43 families.

When it was decided to build a Jewish centre, Kotler took charge of the fundraising and has put together several public concerts, in an attempt not only to raise funds but to raise the profile of the Kelowna Jewish community. "These concerts," says Levin, "have been successful not only in the fundraising aspect but also as a multicultural concept as well."

Levin says it is hoped that "those who know Mel personally or know of people living in the Okanagan will consider sending in a donation for the event, for which a tax receipt will be issued." Those who want to attend the roast or who would like to contribute can write to Okanagan Jewish Community, Box 544, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 7P2.

Student mission

TORONTO —

This summer, under the direction of Rabbi Nosson Westreich, a select group of Canadian high school and university students will be chosen to travel to Kharkov, Ukraine to run a Jewish camp. This is part of the ongoing programs of National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY), co-ordinated by the Canadian office, to help provide Jewish education and services to youth in the former Soviet Union.

The four-week mission will include some travel, but the majority of the time will be spent actively participating as advisors for the camp. The Canadian students will be joined by advisors from the United States, England, Israel and Russia, creating an international environment reflecting the unique cultural qualities of Klal Yisroel.

This program is open to students who have both the desire and ability to be effective advisors in a challenging but rewarding atmosphere. If you are in high school or university and are interested in this program and would like to apply please contact the NCSY office at (416) 782-4426 as soon as possible, as spaces are limited.

School reunion

TORONTO —

West Preparatory Public School will hold an open house in honor of its 50th anniversary on May 30 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 70 Ridge Hill Dr.

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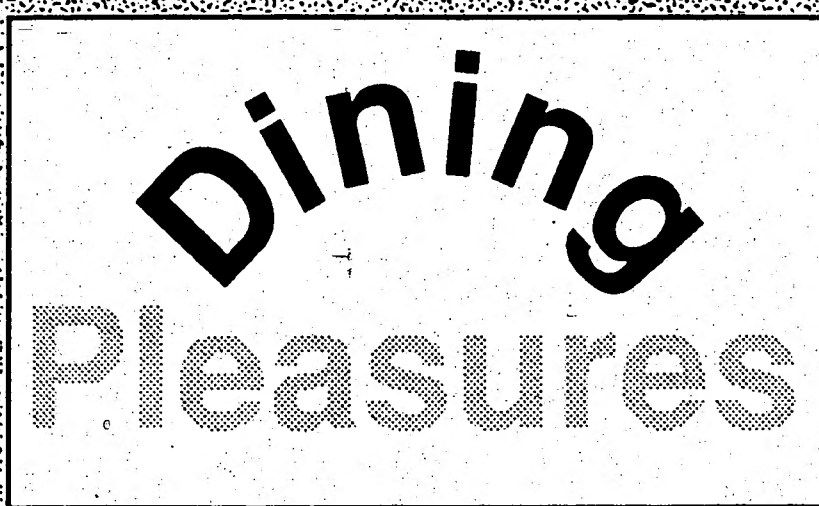
The Toronto school's alumni include Lorne Michaels, from *Saturday Night Live*; Izzy Sharp, head of Four Seasons Hotels; and Dr. Martin Barkin, former deputy minister of health.

West Preparatory Public School began in September 1941, when the Forest Hill Village Public School Board gave the the new 10 room school, then under construction, its name. In 1947, five more rooms were added and in 1953-54, 10 more rooms were built.

In January, 1967, Forest Hill Village was annexed to Toronto bringing the school under the jurisdiction of the Toronto Board of Education.

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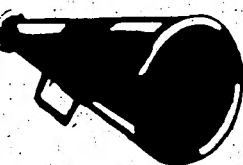
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NEW YORK —

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"We are fortunate," commented Dr. Kenneth Libo, curator of American Jewish history at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, "to receive such a large gift which so fully documents every aspect of a prominent family's history. This wealth of materials will allow the Museum of Jewish Heritage to present a complete portrait of the Plaut family saga within an appropriate historical context."

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut is presently senior scholar at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, and is an acknowledged leader of both the Reform Movement and North American Jewry. Born in Munster, Germany, Rabbi Plaut came to the United States in 1935 to attend Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He was ordained in 1939 and served congregations in Chicago and St. Paul before arriving in Toronto in 1961.

In Cincinnati, the young rabbinic student met Elizabeth Strauss, whose family first arrived in America in the early 1800s. Her ancestors were among the earliest Jews to settle in Cincinnati and were founders of the first synagogue in the Midwest, Cincinnati's Kahal Ha-Kodesh Bene Israel. The Plaunts were married in 1938, on the same day Kristallnacht took place in Germany.

An avid and accomplished genealogist, Mrs. Plaut has presented to the museum family heirlooms dating back several generations, including photos, letters, household prayer books, ritual objects and other items that were considered social necessities to turn-of-the-century cultured American Jews. Included in the Plaut gift are a set of engraved coffee spoons and demitasse holders, a sil-



United States chaplain Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut in 1946. Rabbi Plaut is seen here in his military jacket, which is part of the Plaut family gift to the museum. [Museum of Jewish Heritage/Peter Goldberg photo]

ver calling card tray, a silver dinner bell, a double-handled Limoge soup bowl and additional china and silverware.

Early in 1939, Rabbi Plaut's parents left Germany for England. They were able to ship many of their most valued household possessions to their son and daughter-in-law in Cincinnati. This group of artifacts, which included a brass nameplate, metal cooking pots, a porcelain tea set and a large collection of family photos, is illustrative of Jewish home life in Germany prior to the rise of Nazism.

Rabbi Plaut entered the United States armed forces as a chaplain in 1943. He served with the first American infantry unit to liberate a concentration camp in Germany (Dora-Nordhausen), and was decorated with the bronze star. Rabbi Plaut's World War II memorabilia, including his military jacket and footlocker, also are part of the family's gift to the

Museum.

Throughout his rabbinic career, Rabbi Plaut has played an active role in civic, communal and Jewish causes. He enjoys an international reputation as an uncompromising supporter of civil rights activities throughout the world. Rabbi Plaut's writings include *The Jews of Minnesota* (1959); *The Rise of Reform Judaism* (1963); its sequel, *The Growth of Reform Judaism* (1965); *The Case for the Chosen People* (1965); and *The Magen David — How the Six-Pointed Star Became an Emblem for the Jewish People* (1991). Rabbi Plaut's most noted work, now in its eighth edition, is *The Torah — A Modern Commentary* (1981), of which he is editor and principal author.

Rabbi Plaut has served as president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.



Three generations of the Strauss family from Cincinnati, Ohio, photographed in June 1924. Standing on the right is 13-year-old Elizabeth Strauss (later Mrs. W. Gunther Plaut). To her left is her mother, Therese Strauss, and seated is Elizabeth's grandmother, Emma Dreyfoos Abraham. [Museum of Jewish Heritage/Peter Goldberg photo]

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Durum wheat pasta makes preconceptions passé

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

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Well, times have changed, and pasta is recognized as an important source of fibre, an aid to keep blood sugar levels constant and a first-rate diet food, since it satisfies hunger for a long time.

Mind you, points out Elena Quistini, founder and president, along with husband Orlando, of European Noodles, this new approach applies to pasta made from durum wheat semolina, not cheaper white flour.

It especially applies to fresh (as opposed to dry) pasta, such as the Quistinis make — much of which is kosher under COR in Canada and Union of Orthodox Congregations in the United States.

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Quistini researched and experimented, and eventually produced a product which was so good she felt she could sell it.

She opened a store in Scarborough to sell her fresh pasta — during the last recession.

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In a last-ditch attempt to introduce their product, the Quistinis decided to give their pasta free to whoever came in. And the rest, as they say, is history.

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Only the pastas are kosher for the moment, although they hope to get cheese tortellini and cheese ravioli under supervision at some point.

Varieties include garlic and parsley, onion and dill, hot chili ("that's really picante!"), basil, whole wheat, spinach and tomato.

All are made with natural ingredients.

Fresh pasta even cooks faster than dried — two to five minutes for regular, four to five minutes for fettuccini and a mere one and a half minutes for angel hair. (The time is measured from after the water returns to a rolling boil.)

Elena Quistini prefers a light sauce on pasta, although she admits her children prefer a heartier, thicker sauce.

She recommends cutting up fresh vegetables, such as broccoli, beans, spinach, or rapini, boiling them, adding the pasta until it is done, then draining them together, saving one cup of the cooking water.

Meanwhile, she says, fry four to five tablespoons of olive oil and two cloves of chopped garlic until the garlic is golden brown.

Add the oil and garlic (and a little of the saved water if the mixture seems dry) to the drained vegetables and pasta and eat immediately.

The Quistinis are proud that "our production standards are second to none. Everything is clean, and sanitized, well within government standards."

A walk through the plant is a



Elena Quistini shows some of her company's tricolor noodles, a mixture of plain, spinach and tomato. [Alron photo]

delight, especially to a pasta lover. The machines ("we use old-fashioned machines, which gently knead the dough") spew out massive sheets of dough, cut it into the appropriate shapes and lengths, and send it along assembly lines where it is weighed and packaged and packed.

Elena walks through straightening a worker's cuff here, checking a pack-

age there — her enthusiasm evident.

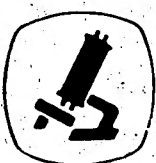
The kosher line was launched in September, 1990, and is sold in British Columbia, Saskatoon, Montreal and Ottawa, as well as in the United States.

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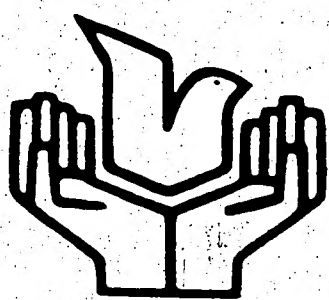
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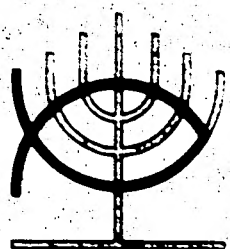
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Russian elderly receive help

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Svetlana Kriger, working out of a small room in Moscow's Choral Synagogue, is trying to get food to old and sick Jews in the Russian capital before they starve.

Paul Weinzwieg, son of Helen and John Weinzwieg, of Toronto, who has been in business in Moscow for five years, is so impressed with her efforts that he and his wife, Polina Zelitskaya, have joined her mission.

With a small band of helpers, Kriger races to homes with bedridden elderly Jews, taking food that required hours in line to get. "We must not abandon them in their need," she told Weinzwieg.

She has a list of 250 of the most acute cases, while another list of 350 is awaiting the aid of Yad Ezra (Hand of Help.)

Many of these people decided not to burden their children or the State of Israel with obligations to look after them, Kriger said. "They decided to stay behind in Russia since they would not be of help in the new world. Others lost their children or have none and are completely alone. For example, the two Lifshitz brothers, 74 and 72 years old, are handicapped. One has lost both legs, another is recovering from a heart attack. Yad Ezra repaired their apartment and sends them food and medicine.

Nina Ioffe, 60, is completely blind and ill with diabetes. Twice a week she is visited by Yad Ezra's workers who clean the apartment, deliver food and medicine and cook for her. Sisters Vernik, 84 and 82, are both bedridden.

That Weinzwieg, a former professor of sociology at several Ontario universities, should find himself in Moscow with his

Russian-born wife, a marine engineer, at this time, strikes his father, the well known Toronto composer, as ironic. "Most people we hear about are leaving Russia, but our son is there now 10 months of the year," said Weinzwieg, Sr.

The younger Weinzwieg, 49, and his wife, are directors of Social Engineering Associates and act as management consultants in communications, energy and TV productions. They are producing 10 TV programs in Russia dealing with the subjects treated in a book written by Paul Weinzwieg on educational, sociological and psychological topics which has been translated and sold 50,000 copies in the former Soviet Union.

Weinzwieg says he and his wife have committed much of their own resources to Yad Ezra but they need help from other Canadians. A gift of \$20 Canadian will provide food and care for a helpless elderly Jew for a month, Kriger said. For information, call the Ottawa office of SEA, (613) 235-0577, or fax 613-235-0611.

Weinzwieg was unaware that several Toronto synagogues, including Holy Blossom Temple, have sent aid to the elderly Jews of Moscow through Project Manna of the Soviet Jewry Committee of Philadelphia, but he welcomes the news.

According to information reaching Toronto from Philadelphia, a total of 650 food packages, each worth \$50 (U.S.) have been distributed in Moscow, from Project Manna, and another 180 are ready to go. This does not include the Canadian contributions.

Yad Ezra delivered 2,200 food parcels in Moscow last year. In a letter to Jews in the Diaspora, Kriger writes: "Our permanent staff of four full-time women and 40 part-time helpers work out of a small 100 square foot room in the synagogue. We stand in Moscow store line-ups to buy food for seniors, deliver it to their apartments by public transportation, often across all of Moscow, cook and clean apartments and look after the sick or helpless tenants.

"In Soviet conditions, this is very tedious and hard work. Each of the helpers has 12 bedridden seniors whom they should visit two times a week. Yad Ezra also has a medical doctor to visit the severely ill and provide them with medicine free of charge.

She said her helpers are paid only 70 rubles per month, while a food basket costs more than 1,000 rubles per month. Most of the helpers are poor themselves, being single mothers or are on retirement.



BGU RESEARCH

Overseas doctoral students at Ben Gurion University (from left to right) Mitchell Baker, Chris Tripler and Chris Tracy, are watched by Dr. Burt Kotler of BGU's Mitrani Centre for Desert Ecology, as they conduct an experiment in animal nutrition.



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Consultant starts English program for Soviet olim

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Motivated by a desire "to do something for Israel beyond giving money," Loretta Helman laid the groundwork last summer for a new adult volunteer program in Israel.

The Toronto-based career and human resources management consultant's original plan was to have a program in place for the summer of 1993, but the enthusiastic reception she received during a recent trip to Israel convinced her to launch the pilot program this summer.

The program, which involves Toronto volunteers teaching English to Soviet olim, will be run under the auspices of the Israeli Forum, a group in Israel dedicated to developing bonds between Israelis and Diaspora Jews. With their support and with that of a small, enthusiastic committee in Toronto, Helman has launched the pilot program, called Yad Be'yad (Hand in Hand), to run for four weeks this summer.

Yad Be'yad will take the form of a summer school for Soviet olim, with two two-week sessions from July 15 to August 15 at Kfar Saba Ulpan, on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. The 100 students will be studying English either to re-enter their former occupations or to qualify for acceptance at an Israeli university.

Volunteers will teach in pairs, two teachers to a group of 20 students. Training will be provided in Toronto for the volunteers, who need not be qualified teachers. They will be housed at Beit Berl, a nearby teachers' college. Tours, lectures on topical issues and home hospitality by members of the Israeli Forum will also be included.

Helman expects that the program will be expanded in years to come. More English teaching programs are expected to be offered in other locations across Israel, and other avenues for linking volunteers' occupational skills and experiences to Israeli needs will be explored, she told *The CJN*.

Minimum costs to the volunteers include airfare and room and board, approximately \$2,000 per person for two weeks.

For more information on Yad Be'yad, call the Israel Aliyah Centre at 633-4766 or Loretta Helman at 782-2898.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Israel takes aim at the profitable use of space

VANCOUVER —

Over 60 people came in a severe downpour to the Maccabee Room of the Beth Israel Synagogue recently to hear a Canadian Technion Society lecture on Israel's Conquest of Space, given by Prof. Chaim Eshed, director of the Israel Space Agency (ISA).

Eshed said Israel has joined the six-nation group who are involved in space exploration and has been allotted a slot over the equator encompassing one-third of the world, i.e., from Europe to New York to Teheran. Whoever does not participate in space exploration is going to be a backward country, he remarked. The use of civil space is profitable and Israel's

criterion is to be profitable.

In Israel, Offek I and Offek II satellites were new to the world as they were smaller in size and of longer duration. Their cost was only \$20 million whereas in other countries satellites cost between \$65 - \$85 million. Israel is innovative as funding is obtained through the private sector, unlike other countries whose development costs are borne by the state.

ISA comprises a seven-member committee supervised by a plenary committee. Canada is not doing as much research in this area as Israel, he commented. The work is complicated as space is not a benign environment — there are meteors, radiation etc. The Israel Space Agency was born in 1983 and Technion formed its connection with space in 1984 with its own satellite as highlight.

It made a first discovery of a new star in another galaxy named Brown Dwarf. Plans are in hand for the exploration of Nova embryonic development, possibly with eggs and hens. This research has spun off industrial capabilities which translate into 20 companies associated with space in Israel.

Products developed from this research are now being sold worldwide and in Israel. The country has a good reputation for low cost and high quality for this new technology. Technion is a motivator for students engaged in space studies who have helped to develop the new technologies. Eshed highlighted the fact that Israel's launches are cheapest because of the miniaturization developed by the Agency. New projects are aiming to manufacture technology in space.

Military applications are not as significant. Most of the information during the Persian Gulf War came from humans, perhaps 20 per cent came from satellites.

Research spins off industrial capabilities

Weizmann party heads into '50s

TORONTO —

The Toronto Chapter of the Weizmann Institute of Science is planning Gala Bowl '92. This Fabulous Fifties party will be held on Wednesday, June 17 at 7 p.m. at Thorncliffe Bowlerama, 45 Overlea Blvd., Don Mills. An active committee under the chairmanship of Stephen Bianco is planning an evening of entertainment, bowling, auction, dinner and music. There will be prizes for the best "Fifties" costumes, door prizes and bowling prizes (for the best and the worst).

The master of ceremonies for the evening is Brian Master of CHFI Radio. The Silent Auction includes vacations, theatre tickets, cooking lessons, restaurant certificates, golf packages, Karen Kain's ballet slippers, a McDonald's "Moscow" sweatshirt and various "dream packages."

The ticket price of \$99 includes a donation to The Discovery Fund for Brain Research and Aging at the Weizmann Institute of Science. An official tax receipt to the maximum allowable will be issued.

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LODGE BOSS

Judy Gordon recently became the first woman elected as president of B'nai Brith Upper Canada Lodge. She has represented the lodge for the past five years as co-chairman of the North York Winter Carnival planning committee. For the past 4½ years, she has been editor of the UCL Beacon. Gordon is currently public relations director for the Canadian Shaare Zedek Foundation. She will be installed as president on May 10 at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, by the lodge's first president, Judge Philip Givens.

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Feminine and fancy

By
RANDI DRUZIN

Randi Szymkowicz and Rhonda Finkelstein believe women hate buying bras. And they should know: they're co-owners of Legs Plus and Bra Boutique, a Willowdale store that specializes in fitting bras for teens and full-figured women.

"No one looks forward to bra shopping," says Szymkowicz, "but all women have to do it. So when they come into our



Legs Plus and Bra Boutique emphasizes personalized service.

store, we accommodate them best we can."

Szymkowicz and Finkelstein say their 10-year-old business has survived the recession because of its emphasis on "personalized service." Their sales staff, says Szymkowicz, is informed, knowledgeable and, most importantly, very personable. "Our customers always feel comfortable in our store," says Finkelstein. "We're real people's people," adds Szymkowicz.

There is little chance of a customer leaving Legs Plus and Bra Boutique disappointed. The store, which stocks a variety of women's "inner fashions," carries bras in many hard-to-find sizes and styles. Staff will order special merchandise if necessary.

Personalized service is so important to Szymkowicz and Finkelstein, they've found a way to accommodate women who can't visit the store. Last October, Legs Plus and Bra Boutique began mailing a 32-page catalogue to women throughout Ontario. The catalogue — which features a size range from AA to H, 30 to 54 and includes sizing instructions — was so well-received, that they began distributing it nationally last month.

"We've had women from all over placing orders," says Szymkowicz. "They can't come into the store because they're from out of town, or because they're physically handicapped, or because they're just too busy," she says. "The response has been tremendous."

In spite of the success of their mail-order business, Szymkowicz and Finkelstein still take care of their customers the old fashioned way, schlepping bra after bra to women waiting in change rooms. "We'll bring them as many as it takes to find the right fit," says Szymkowicz.

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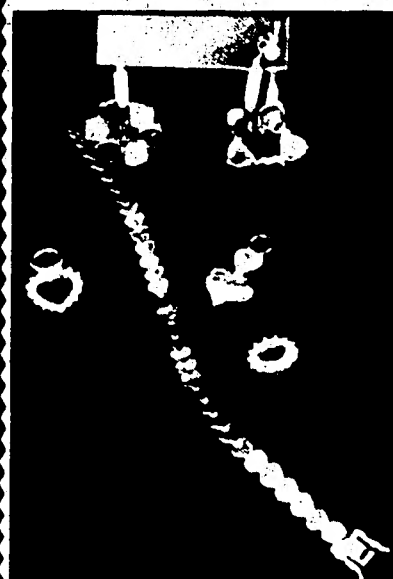
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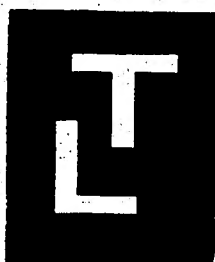
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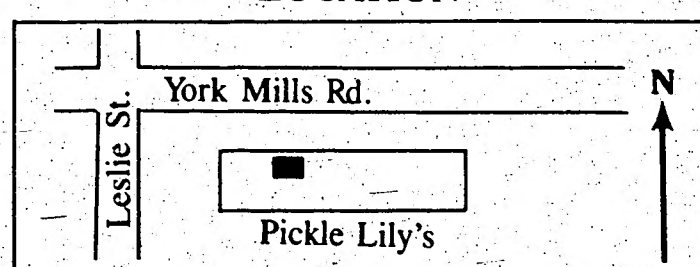
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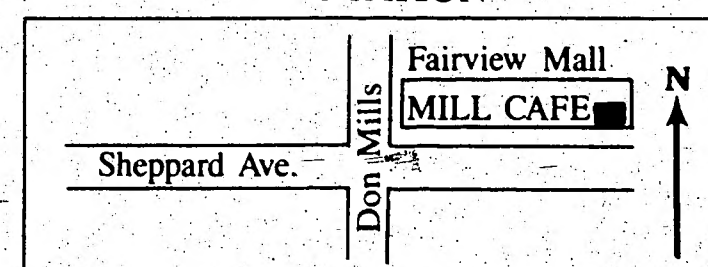


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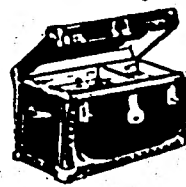
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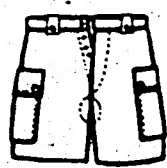


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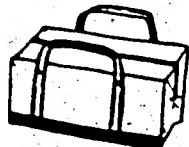
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Eye on Arts

It's time for *Mother's Day* with Barney Cooper at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Mother's Day, starring Jack Duffy, Lillian Adams and Bobby Ramsen, runs from April 29 to May 24.

After six decades of therapy and almost as many marriages, Barney Cooper was planning to perform a special video tribute to his 85-year-old mom on Mother's Day. But alas, "successful" hip surgery has transported her into a twilight land of her own. That doesn't stop Barney... He holds an impromptu tribute in her \$900 per day room at Cedars Sinai.

The play joins Barney on a humorous journey back in time as he tries to make sense of the dysfunctional relationship that created the eccentric he is today.

The chamber ensemble The Canadian Trio will perform a program of romantic works for piano trio on May 5 at 8 p.m. at the DuMaurier Theatre Centre at Harbourfront.

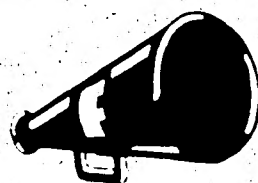
The Canadian Trio, now in its ninth season, is regarded as one of chamber music's most distinguished ensembles. Noted for its warmth of style, the trio has received enthusiastic responses worldwide, both for its live performances and for its recordings.

Tickets are available by calling the Harbourfront box office at 973-4000.

The Koffler Gallery will premiere *The Cabinet of Dr. Knoblach*, an exhibition of recent wall furniture by Michele MacDonald on May 6 at 8 p.m.

Railroad cars, cowboys, kangaroos with boxing gloves, plants, oversized hands and keyholes are among the inhabitants of MacDonald's well-crafted functional constructions of plaster, wood and clay.

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The National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa is running a retrospective exhibition of video works by Vancouver artist Sara Diamond until May 24.

The exhibition features two installations. *Patternity* (1991) and a scaled-down version of *Heroics: A Quest* (1984). As well as a survey of video-tapes produced by the artist between 1982 and 1991 including *The Lull Before The Storm*.

Diamond's videotapes and video installations examine the place of women in recent economic and social history; at the same time they strive to disengage the discourse from the ideologies and strategies of patriarchy. The artist uses various approaches — from oral witness to intellectual analysis.

Patternity explores the relationships between parent and child. It also probes the experience of memory as it is transferred from one generation to the next.



Sara Diamond

The Reena Foundation will unveil *Vision*, an exhibition of art by its clients on May 14.

Vision challenges traditional ways of perceiving people with developmental handicaps and attempts to enhance our appreciation of their achievements and untapped talents.

The show will contain more than 80 works by Reena clients in a variety of media, including painting, drawing and sculpture.

Vision will be on view in the main lobby of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. until May 25.

YMI Dancing presents *In Bloom*, a company debut choreographed by Pia Bourman and Bayla Rae Goldman at Winchester Street Theatre, 80 Winchester St., from May 14-16.

In Bloom captures the characteristic self-expression and creativity of this unique young company.

Bouman is the founder of the Pia Bouman School for Ballet and Creative Movement and the artistic director of YMI Dancing. She has been invited to present her choreographic works at the International Lantern Ceremony at Nathan Phillips Square for two consecutive years.

Goldman is a choreographer/teacher performer whose teaching credits include the University of Waterloo and Yad Hariff Arts Centre in Israel.

For more information call 533-3706.

The Toronto Jewish Film Society's final presentation, *The Jazz Singer*, will be shown on May 17 at the Bloor branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

The Jazz Singer, (1927) the first talkie, recounts the rise of a cantor's son to stardom in show business. It stars the irrepressible Al Jolson.

When the Moe Koffman Jazz Quintet takes the stage with the Giora Feidman Klezmer Trio at Beth Tikvah Synagogue for *Jazz Meets Klezmer*, the results promise to be an old fashioned, foot stomping good time. The concert, May 26 at 8 p.m., is the final offering in the 1991-92 Musica Beth Tikvah series.

Koffman will be joined by Giora Feidman Trio, featuring a violin, clarinet and double bass interpreting traditional Jewish melodies in klezmer style.

For further information call 221-3433.

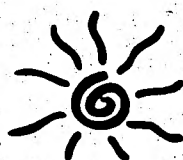
The Jules Leger Prize for New Chamber Music is designed to encourage Canadian composers to write for chamber music groups and to foster performance of Canadian chamber music by these groups. The prize was established in 1979 by Jules Leger, then governor general of Canada.

The award consists of \$7,500 and a trophy designed by the well-known Quebec sculptor Louis Archambault.

Awarded annually, the prize is open to composers who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada. The submitted works must have received a premiere performance of professional quality during the three years preceding the closing date of the competition. The composer must specify in each case the date and place of the first performance and the names of the performers.

Composers are asked to submit one copy of a score, as well as a cassette recording, if available. No more than two scores may be entered by any one composer.

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Arts

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN9-1/2 Mystics — The Kabbala Today by Herbert Weiner
Maxwell MacMillan \$16.95 (paper)

What is Kabbala? The Hebrew word is derived from a root which means "to receive" and refers to mystic lore or knowledge transmitted from earlier generations. Although speculations — as early as the first century BCE — revolved around such mysteries as the account of the Creation as described in the first chapters of Genesis and the depiction of the Heavenly Chariot in the Book of Ezekiel, Kabbala reached its golden age with the appearance of the Zohar (light) at the end of the 13th century.

This esoteric work, largely a running commentary on the Pentateuch, was ascribed to sages of the second century. Most scholars now agree, however, that the work was written or largely edited by Moses de Leon who first brought it to light.

In the 16th century the creative centre for Kabbalistic study was Sated in Palestine. Here, Isaac Luria and his disciples carved out new and innovative notions about the nature of God and man. Through exalted spiritual exercises they hoped to usher in the age of the Messiah. If only the "sparks of holiness" to be found in every human being could be united and returned to their original source then the time of the redemption of the world would be nigh.

Chassidim, in the 18th and 19th centuries, with such ideas and practices as ecstatic prayer, the indwelling nature of God and the insights of saintly leaders (Tzaddikim), raised interest in mysticism to new heights.

This revised edition of a modern classic work on Kabbala that first appeared in 1969, includes a lengthy coda by the author on the nature of mystical thought today — Jewish and non-Jewish — as well as an enlightened afterword by Adin Steinsaltz.

A feature of this engrossing work is the author's meetings and interviews with such giants of the spirit as Martin Buber, Gershom Scholem, Rabbi Zvi Yehudah Kook and Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneersohn.

Respectable subject

Scholem, the scholar whose original research in Kabbala made it a respectable subject for modern study indicated to the author that the basic conditions that produced the mysticism of the past are no longer present. Modern believers are not wholehearted in their faith in the existence of a personal God or the Divine origin of the Torah. Can mysticism flourish without these assumptions?

The author enjoyed two long interviews with the Lubavitcher Rebbe and asked probing — even daring — questions. "Do you believe," asked Rabbi Weiner, "that the Rebbe has special insight and can see things and know things beyond the comprehension of ordinary people?" "Yes," answered the Rebbe, but "I am convinced that it can only be given to a keeper of Torah and mitzvot."

This honest and informative book, the record of a first-hand search for secrets, will be of great interest to all who want to comprehend the mystical side of Judaism.

Spanish expulsion marked

TORONTO —

The premiere of a new work for choir, flute and piano by Ben Steinberg, marking the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, will take place at the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir's 66th annual spring concert on May 24, 3 p.m., at the Bickford Education Centre, 777 Bloor St. W., at Christie.

To Dispel the Darkness is set to texts in Hebrew by three 13th century Spanish-Jewish poets, Judah Al-Haziri, Meshullam Da Piera, and Nahum. The nature poems are entitled *The Lightning, Song at Dawn, Spring Song* and *The Sun*. The title is taken from the last poem: "Look: the sun has spread its wings over the earth to dispel the darkness." The work will be performed by the choir's chamber group, the Ensemble Singers.

To Dispel the Darkness, commis-

sioned by the choir from well-known Toronto composer Ben Steinberg, on a grant from the Ontario Arts Council, will feature internationally renowned flautist Suzanne Shulman, and soprano Vera Kaushansky. The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir is conducted by David Varjabed, and accompanied at the piano by Lina Zemelman.

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir's spring concert will also feature the song-cycle, *Der Bobe's Cholem* (Grandmother's Dream), by the celebrated Jewish bard Mark Varshavsky, with lyric tenor Cantor Louis Danto, and soprano Vera Kaushansky, as soloists. In addition, there will be a special musical tribute to the late pianist, conductor and outstanding interpreter of Yiddish music Fagel Gartner, by her daughter, cellist Esther Gartner. For tickets call 789-5502 (office hours);



Suzanne Shulman

489-7681 or 633-8184.

Suzanne Shulman is one of Canada's outstanding instrumentalists. Born in Toronto, she studied there with Robert Aitken before receiving Canada Council scholarships to train in Europe with Jean-Pierre Rampal, Marcel Moyse, and Michel Debost. She then began a touring career representing Canada in over 20 countries of Europe, as well as North America and South America. Critically acclaimed debuts included Carnegie Hall in New York, the Wigmore and Queen Elizabeth Halls in London, and the Chopin Institute in Warsaw.

Shulman has appeared as soloist with the Toronto and Quebec Symphony Orchestras, the Hamilton Philharmonic, and the BBC Orchestra of Great Britain. She maintains a lively interest in arts education and teaches at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music, the Royal Conservatory of Music, and McMaster University.

Jewish Public Library accepts Segal Awards submissions

MONTREAL —

The Jewish Public Library is now accepting submissions for the 1992 J.I. Segal Awards. Two J.I. Segal prizes for literary merit will be awarded this year. The first category is for books written in either English or French on Jewish themes. Authors of these works must reside in Canada and the books must have been published in 1990.

The second category is for books written in either Yiddish or Hebrew by authors residing in North America. These works may have been published in either 1990 or 1991. Each Award carries a cash prize of up to \$1,000.

Official submissions should include two copies of the book. All submissions remain the property of the Jewish Public Library. The deadline is June 30.

The J. I. Segal Awards were founded in 1968 by Dr. Hirsh and Dvora Rosenfeld. Past winners of this prestigious Award include Irving Layton, Adele Wiseman, Miriam Waddington, and Ruth R. Wisse who has won it twice. Entries should be submitted to: Jewish Public Library, 5151 Cote Ste. Catherine Road, Montreal, Quebec H3W 1M6, attention J. I. Segal Awards. For further information please call (514) 345-2627.



Yehoram Gaon belts out a Ladino song.

Sephardi history captured in vibrant videocassette

This is the year that marks the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain. Sephardi Jews left a rich legacy behind them as they were driven off to North Africa, Turkey, Holland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece and elsewhere.

The dispersion of Sephardi Jewry is lovingly recounted in words and song in a vibrant videocassette, *From Toledo To Jerusalem*, distributed by Ergo Media (668 Front Street, Teaneck, N.J., \$34.95 U.S.).

This colorful musical journey through 500 years of Sephardi life, history and culture is orchestrated by Yehoram Gaon, the noted Israeli vocalist.

Gaon, who's of Sephardi origin himself, treats us to a whole range of traditional Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) melodies. He sings of joyful — and sorrowful — events against the backdrop of various locales: Toledo, Cordoba, Amsterdam, Venice, Milan, New York, Sarajevo, Salonika, Auschwitz, Istanbul and Jerusalem.

Gaon, who is nothing if not ebullient, summons up visions of the poet Yehuda Halevi ("my heart lies in the east"), the philosopher Maimonides and the religious

heretic Baruch Spinoza.

We're taken to a square in Toledo where one of Gaon's hapless ancestors was burned at the stake during the infamous Inquisition.

We're reminded that persecution and pogroms shook Spain nearly one century before the Inquisition, calling into question the tolerant Golden Age of Spanish Jewry.

Gaon dolefully walks along the perimeter of a barbed wire fence in Auschwitz, hammering home the point that the Holocaust exacted a terrible toll on Sephardi communities in the Balkans.

It's a pity that Morocco is left out of the picture. Many Sephardi Jews fleeing Spain found a haven in Morocco, which now has the largest Jewish community in the Arab world.

Although *From Toledo To Jerusalem* is thoroughly entertaining and educational, Gaon injects an embarrassingly corny note into the proceedings by wearing loud native costumes at almost every opportunity.

It's jarring, and it's something the producers could easily have avoided. — S.K.

Broner novel heads to screen

Film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Filmmaker Francine Zuckerman is developing Esther Broner's novel, *A Weave of Women*, into a movie. It's scheduled to be shot in Israel in 1993.

"It's a magical book, a fantasy, about a group of women who find shelter in a stone house in Jerusalem and how they deal with intolerance around them," she said in an interview.

"It doesn't deal with the Arab-Israeli dispute, but it reflects the conflict in the sense of the insecurity in Israel."

Zuckerman, 33, has worked in film, radio and video for more than a decade. Her most recent work, *Half the Kingdom*, a co-production with the National Film Board of Canada, was nominated for two Gemini Awards in 1990 and was awarded the Red Ribbon by the American Film and Video Festival and the Gold Apple by the National Educational Film and Video Festival.

Half the Kingdom is a documentary on Jewish feminism and the struggle of feminists to find their voice within Judaism.

Zuckerman, an ex-Montrealer who now lives in Toronto, will direct, co-write and co-produce *A Weave of Women*. Her co-producer is Kathy Avrich Johnson, the founding executive director of the Association of Canadian Film and Television Producers. Her co-writer is Paul Dreskin, who has sold screenplays in Canada and the United States.

The proposed film turns on the lives of nine diverse women: Sihma, a 10th-generation Israeli mystic/mother; Terry, a former New Yorker who's adopted Israel as her

country; Joan, a Canadian journalist; Dahlia, an Israeli-born singer/performer; Gerda, a Holocaust survivor from Germany; Deedee, a Canadian Irish-Catholic; Vered, a social worker; Hepzibah, an Orthodox woman trapped in an abusive marriage; and Gloria, a self-absorbed Californian.

"Together they experience and honor birth, death, exodus, battle and renewal," says Zuckerman. "They attempt peace and make love. Through their individual and collec-

tive stories they find themselves, each other and community.

The result is a mythic, provocative, sometimes violent, sometimes shocking celebration of joyous womanhood and humanity."

Zuckerman has already raised about half the funds for the proposed \$2 million film.

Broner and American feminist Gloria Steinem were in Toronto on April 1 to attend a fund-raising benefit for *A Weave of Women*.

USY's production of Fiddler a spiritual odyssey for kids

TORONTO —

Adath Israel Congregation's USY Drama recently put on a performance of Sholom Aleichem's masterpiece *Fiddler on the Roof*. More than 500 people were in attendance for the teenage production.

The cast showed a "flair for excellence," according to the synagogue's youth chair, Ellen Melman. "Their energy and emotion really spilled over to the audience."

The play was performed under the vision and direction of Bryna Bruder, the creative and energetic choreography of Susan Goldberg, and the production/stage management of Stephen Bowman. Musical accompanist Steven Benlolo brought out the best in the young actors.

Highlights included: A very moving Sabbath Prayer, where Teyve the milkman, portrayed passionately by Aaron Melman, and his wife Golda (Angi Salomon) gathered to bless the Shabbat candles surrounded by their four daughters, Tzeitl (Alicia Richler), Hodel (Michelle Firestone), Chava (Neely Lerman), and Shprintze (Rebecca Cash).

The entire cast proceeded to enter with lit candles, so that the stage was effectively illuminated by candlelight.

There was also a "dream scene" in which Gramma Tzeitl (Sara Handler) and the outrageous Fruma Sarah (Amber Gertzbein) returned from the dead to haunt Teyve about his daughter's upcoming marriage. The children in the audience, sitting on the floor in front, gave out an enthusiastic scream in response to Fruma Sarah's electrifying entrance.

The performance was the culmination of six long, hard months of memorizing lines, staging scenes, and organizing music. "It really peaked at the right time," according to director Bruder.

"From the outset, we said we wanted to make it something more than just a play... a kind of spiritual odyssey for the kids."

Perhaps cast member Alicia Richler (Tzeitl) summed it up best when she said: "I joined the *Fiddler* cast to make some new friends and learn some new dance and acting skills... but I also learned a little bit more about my Jewish heritage. So did we."

Travel



The Mamilla Project, including David's Village, will change the face of Jerusalem.

TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

Let me start by telling you this. The view from my office window in Don Mills (What kind of name is that for a place? Don Corleone maybe. But Don Mills?) is not the view I had from my window at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. Why do I mention this, you ask? For two reasons.

Returning from Israel to Toronto, is, for me, a terrible letdown for the simple reason that I love Israel and have absolutely no feelings for Toronto. Now I can just picture all you loyal Torontonians getting very indignant over that remark, but that's the way I feel. Maybe with time, Toronto will grow on me. Then again, maybe I'll also get to like broccoli.

The second reason is to segue into a Jerusalem story. It's a good story because it shows that despite all the negative news about Israel reported in the media here, there are many more positive things going on.

One of the most positive is David's Village, part of the mammoth Mamilla Project which will link West Jerusalem with the Old City by a network of parks, squares and a pedestrian mall featuring boutiques, cafes and bistros right in the heart of this great city.

David's Village is a luxury residential enclave featuring terraced townhouses and apartments with underground parking and surrounded by lush gardens and palm trees. It is also very expensive. A 1,500 square foot apartment will cost you \$595,000 U.S. plus VAT of 18 percent which brings it to a cool \$702,100. Suffice it to say I did not buy one.

But don't despair. There are going to be some 275 to 300 units built on top of the proposed commercial mall in the project and they will sell for around \$150,000 U.S. Not chopped liver, but if you take in laundry, well within reach. If you want one, you have to put 25 percent down and make additional payments as construction progresses. It should all be

completed by 1995.

Designed by renowned architect Moshe Safdie the project is being developed by Ladbroke Group PLC of Great Britain, whose president, Cyril Stein first became involved in the project 20 years ago. It has taken this long to reach its present stage, due to a number of political and practical problems. But all of that is behind them now and there is no question, when completed, the Mamilla Project will change the face of Jerusalem.

The whole project will cover 29 acres (no, I don't know how many hectares that is, and what's more, I don't care). For those of you who know Jerusalem, let me give you a look at exactly where the project will be located. It will be bisected by a landscaped valley connecting Independence Park with the National Park in the Valley of Hinom. The northern banks of the valley accommodate the Mamilla Mall (Midrachov). Mamilla Street, now made exclusively pedestrian, traverses from King David Street to the Jaffa Gate and Citadel.

To the southeast of the complex is the Jaffa Gate Car Park, accommodating 850 cars, as well as a public bus terminal. These are connected by elevators and stairs to the extension of Mamilla Mall and from there to the Jaffa Gate, Old City and downtown Jerusalem. In addition, there are 800 public parking spaces and 100 assigned residential parking spaces under Mamilla Street.

So what are you waiting for?

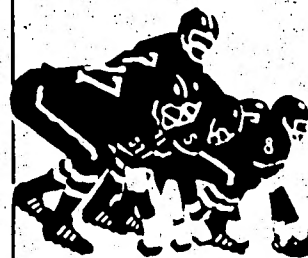
Last week I told you about a number of places I'd visited during my recent trip to Israel. There are more, which I will tell you about in upcoming columns, but for now, I would be remiss if I didn't thank Emile Aufgang of Aufgang Travel for tipping me off to many of the great places I visited.

Before I left, we got together over a tuna on rye and shmoozed for about an hour. The result was five pages of my notebook filled with places and restaurants not included on most of the travel itineraries I've seen. I shouldn't really say this. It's not that he'll get a swelled head, but he will expect me to buy lunch next time.

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Business Outlook

Firm offers medical transport

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

The scenario: Your elderly parents are away on their once-in-a-lifetime world cruise. While on a shore visit to Bali, your father collapses. He is rushed to the local hospital, having suffered a serious heart attack.

You are contacted by the cruise company. They have left your parents on the island, and regretfully, departed. Now what?

Your travel agent informs you that your parents must be accompanied by qualified medical personnel if they are to travel by commercial airline.

Since your pocketbook and their trip insurance does not cover the cost of renting a private jet, you need help. Enter Executive Air Care Transport International (EXACT).

According to Sally Ramirez, Lorrie Halliday Smith and Gordon Stewart, this is not an uncommon scenario.

In fact, this situation is so common that the three health care professionals, experienced in intensive and emergency room care, have founded a business that does nothing but transport patients back to their homes.

When the partners first began their venture, they worked with a small company and were hired by individual insurance companies and private firms.

However, Ramirez says that the information they were getting concerning the patient's state and medical problem was so inaccurate that they would sometimes arrive at the destination with the wrong medical equipment.

In addition, Smith says that the private flights were not comfortable for either the family or themselves. There was no privacy for patients and personal comforts such as food or washrooms were not available.

The partners were convinced that there had to be a better way. Today, EXACT is running their service on commercial flights where the patients will find privacy and the airline supplies comfort for family members.

One important consideration is the fact that OHIP may not be covering the service in the future. Ramirez says that while nothing has been announced officially, their company is jumping fast to ensure that they can supply the best service for the best price.

Smith points out that the average down and back flight from Florida can cost anywhere from \$16,000 to \$18,500 for medical transport.

However, EXACT can supply the same service for as little as \$6,000 to \$7,000 — a huge savings for a service that may soon be excluded from payment by OHIP.

Ramirez explains that they buy several seats, between eight and 10, that are already priced competitively. EXACT does not take an overhead on those reserved seats so there is no mark-up included in the cost.

These seats are reserved for the patient, family members, medical staff and equipment.



Executive Air Transport staff members will travel to any destination with medical equipment on board to transport patients back to their homes.

medical staff that are hired. There is a standard protocol for treatment that is set out which leaves no room for guessing.

She adds that this guide, which is constantly updated, is so regimented that staff members are trained to spot and solve potential problems before they occur.

The staff is also trained to see that the proper treatment is administered while on the ground to avoid any mid-flight emergencies.

Both Smith and Ramirez agree that one of the problems involved with running a company such as EXACT is combating the "cross-border shopping" that is done by Canadian insurance companies.

Essentially, Canadian insurance companies are hiring American medical transport companies to fly Canadian travellers home. Canadian dollars are literally flying out of the country, says Smith, who points out that despite the marketing job EXACT has done, it is hard to break the monopoly.

EXACT hopes to open an office in both eastern and western Canada in order to further improve the service that is offered to Canadians.

Right now, Stewart, Ramirez and Smith boast that they can travel anywhere there is an airport. Their bags are packed and waiting.

Privacy for the patient

She adds that a curtain is hung to ensure privacy for the patient.

The company makes its money on staff nursing services and the rental of medical equipment that is required.

Smith points out that the service is not designed specifically for the elderly. The age of the patient is not an issue, she says, adding that accidents can happen anytime and anywhere to anybody.

EXACT is also available to provide a companion role for older people who might not feel comfortable travelling on their own.

Ramirez says that to date the government is not playing a regulatory role as far as the medical air transport industry is concerned.

She says that they themselves are stricter about regulating the services they supply because it is their license that is on the line if anything were to go wrong due to medical negligence.

Smith points out that they are extremely strict with the

Bank offers incentives

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Major Israeli banks offer attractive programs designed to encourage non-Israelis to purchase homes in Israel as well as generate foreign currency into this country. Bank of Israel regulations permit loans of up to 50 percent of the value of the property, with variable interest rates based on London Interbank Offering Rates (LIBOR) plus 2.5 percent.

Bank Tefahot offers a 10-year program of a minimum \$50,000 loan,

while Bank Leumi's programs offer a minimum of \$20,000 to a maximum of \$200,000 (so long as it does not exceed 50 percent of the value of the property) over a 15-year period.

Neither bank requires guarantors, although potential investors must present validation documents and acceptable forms of collateral, such as bank deposits and free foreign currency accounts. Bank Tefahot reports a good response to its program primarily from the United States, the United Kingdom and France.

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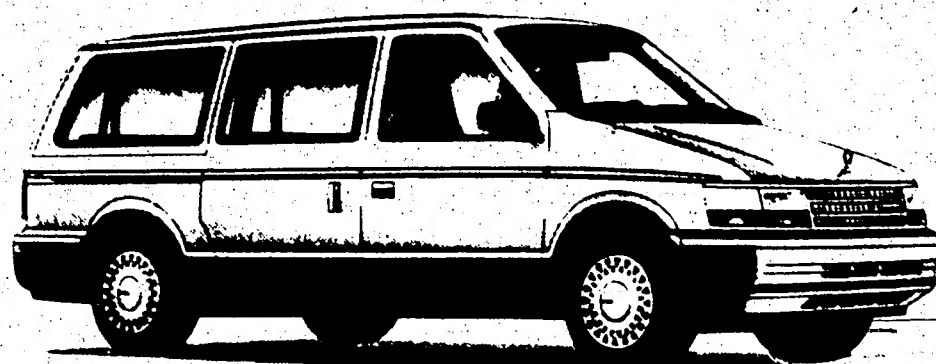


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Business Outlook



David Goodbaum (left) and Joseph Goodbaum (right) have a new market strategy for the new flagship store of the SunnyBrook chain.

Sunny days ahead for SunnyBrook

By
LEN BUTCHER

On April 29, residents of Thornhill and surrounding area woke up to find a new kid on the block. Actually, he's not such a new kid, but an old friend with a new look. His name's SunnyBrook. That's right. That same familiar name that has served you and your family's grocery needs for many years.

But if you expect to find the same SunnyBrook you're used to, think again. This new flagship store of the SunnyBrook chain just south of Highway 7 on Bayview, is the company's fourth in the Metro Toronto area, "but unlike any of its predecessors," says David Goodbaum, who along with his cousin Joseph, put this store together.

Sitting in his office at the company's headquarters on Lodestar Road, David Goodbaum talked about the new store and the reasons for a different market strategy.

"We clearly recognized the need for SunnyBrook to become more contemporary in its way of doing business and that's one of the reasons that, for the first time, we brought in a designer and design consultant to plan the new store."

"The Bayview store is dealing with the children of the parents who live in the Bathurst Manor, and it is not meant to replicate our Wilmington store because that store deals with a very traditional, older and aging clientele. If I did in Wilmington what I'm doing in Bayview, I'd probably scare them all away. It would be a bit too upscale for them."

So what's he doing? For one thing, Goodbaum is bringing in what is referred to as "in-house" tenants like Zuchter's Creative Kitchens, Steeles Bakery and Hava Java, which will operate an espresso bar. Sound a little toney? Not at all, says Goodbaum.

"We're very committed to our customers and our strength is in the service and quality aspect, although prices, particularly in this kind of market, remain very important. By bringing in people like Zuchter's and Steeles Bakery we not only have name recognition, but they run their businesses better than we could possibly run them, which in turn means better service and quality for our customers."

You will also be able to order, by phone, a full meal from Zuchter's when you're leaving work and it will be ready when you get there. But there's more. Along with all of their regular personal touches, there will be a service meat department, pineapples will be cut and cored for no additional charge and new products will be the order of the day, says Goodbaum, "now that we've got an audience that will buy them."

"We've got a bulk food section going in that I have been working on for three months. We're spending a lot of time being a lot more selective and we'll be introducing a line of kosher no-sugar cookies. We're also going to be introducing new products through demonstrations in the store and we're thinking of having a cooking class once a month on the premises. There will also be new recipes in our flyers."

The new-look SunnyBrook will also have a whole ethnic category that "goes beyond kosher," says Goodbaum. "We can't go into that location thinking just the Jewish customer. There's a huge Oriental clientele and we're bringing the same commitment to them as we do the Jewish shopper."

Jewish shoppers, however, will be happy to hear that the Bayview SunnyBrook will be closed Saturdays and open Sundays.

The key to retailing, says Goodbaum, is to know and service your customer.

"For instance, Maxwell's instant coffee in terms of Nielsen ratings may be number one in the market, but Jews prefer Sanka and that's something you don't see in the ratings and this is where we have been very successful, because we know the pulse of the Jewish community."

Goodbaum also stresses the importance of quality in the perishable foods departments, "because that, ultimately, keeps the customer coming back. People can buy groceries anywhere, but meat and produce are the key. If you sell a customer a bad steak, she won't come back and I don't care what price you put on it. A shopper's not going to say, 'Well, it's not so good, but I only paid \$1.98 a pound for it.' We don't make deals at the expense of our customers just to be out there cheaper. That's a bad decision."

"The industry is still driven by price, but the irony of it is that for any commodity, once it's actually purchased, price has nothing to do with it. If I'm selling a product at a ridiculously low price, if the quality's not there, it could be free and people wouldn't take it. I'm not saying price isn't important, but you get what you pay for and we always give our customers the best we can buy."

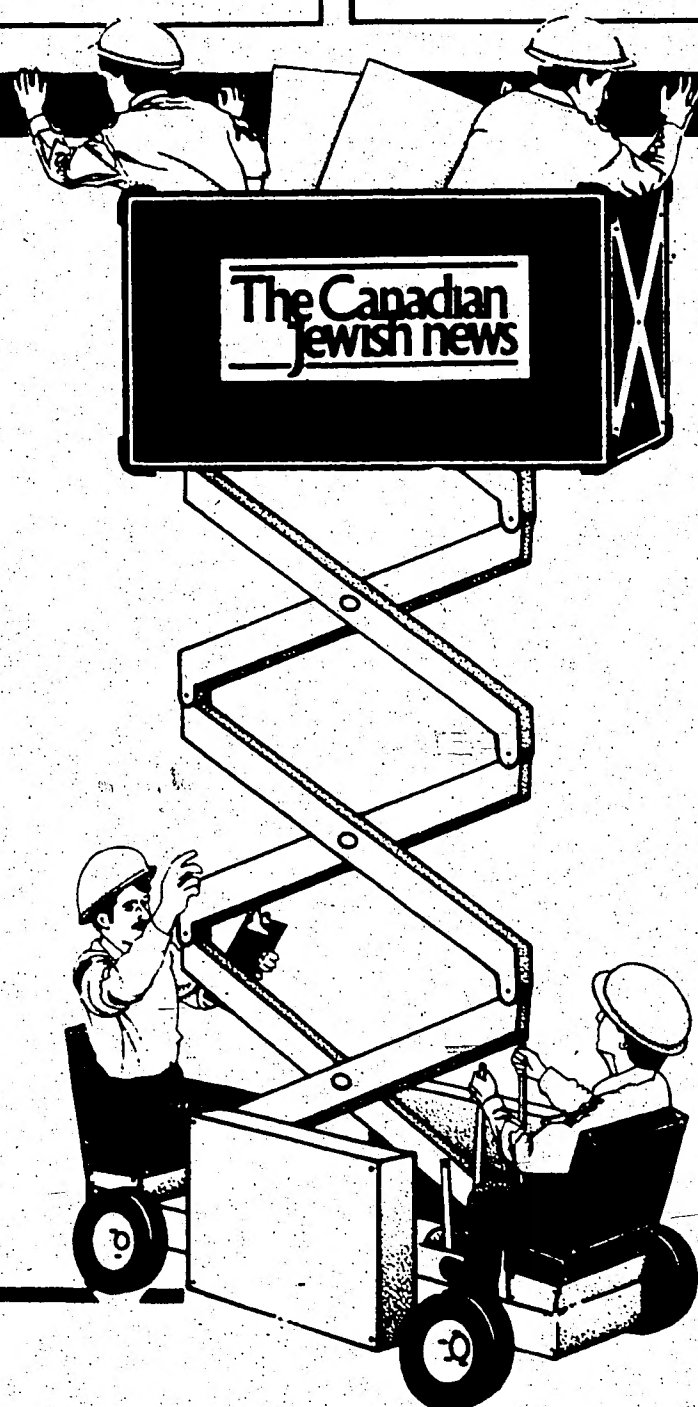
However he personally feels, Goodbaum knows that's it now show time. The decisions have been made and "we now have to live with them, because many were based on personal preference," like taking a foot off the height of the shelves in the aisles which meant a loss of 300 linear feet where more product could be sold. "I did that because I felt people get claustrophobic with high shelves on either side of them."

The biggest challenge to David and Joseph was to change a corporate philosophy that has existed for three decades. "We're young and we're motivated. I've paid my dues and it's been a very slow learning evolution. My father has confidence in me and my cousin and has really given us carte blanche to do what we wanted to do. Now, as they say, the proof is in the pudding."

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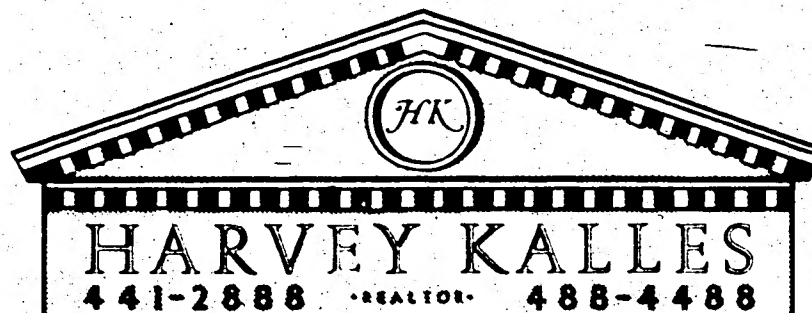
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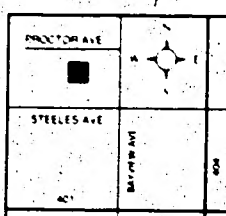
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Lantos, Eszter on April 19, 1992.

Podnick, Alexander John on April 12, 1992, late of 801 Third Ave. W., Owen Sound.

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Shver, Morya G. on April 17, 1992, late of 35 Cedarcroft #402.

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Bible Lands Museum set to open on May 11

JERUSALEM —

The opening of the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem has been set for May 11.

The new landmark in Jerusalem houses an unparalleled collection of artifacts from the ancient Near East. The museum is prepared to be an international centre for the study and appreciation of the history of the Lands of the Bible. Depicting the cultures and civilizations of this region in which the values of monotheism and western civilization have their origins, this museum is unique in the world.

Dr. Elie and Batya Borowski, of Toronto and New York, have donated most of the objects and funds for the museum, and have recently settled in Jerusalem. The collection has been enhanced with numerous gifts and loans from around the globe, including the United States, Canada, Switzerland, Germany, Mexico and Japan. Dr. Elie Borowsky, founder and chairman of the board states: "The artifacts we have inherited from ancient peoples bring us face to face with that world, deepening our insight into the Bible and its historical narrative. By better understanding our roots in the past, we can draw the strength and conviction to insure a better future for humankind."

Over 3,000 priceless objects will be displayed from lands extending from Afghanistan in the east, the Mediterranean in the west, the Caucasian Mountains in the North and to Nubia in the south. Dating from the Neolithic period — 6,000 BCE to 500 CE, the exhibition is designed for the visitor to walk through the civilizations according to their historical order.

Museum director Benjamin Abileah announced that four days of inauguration celebrations will take place May 10-13, in Jerusalem, which includes ceremonies, lectures by noted archeologists and historians, tours and a gala dinner in the presence of President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Mayor Teddy Kollek, cabinet ministers and other dignitaries. Many guests are also expected from overseas for these events.

For further information, contact: BLMJ — Jerusalem: PR Department, P.O. Box 4670, Jerusalem; tel: 972-2-632118 or 632468 (fax 638228); in Toronto: Canadian Friends of the BLMJ c/o Donald Carr, Q.C., chairman of the board, Goodman & Carr, 200 King St. West, Toronto, M5H 3W5, (416) 595-2300.

Victoria Jewish women organize unique seder

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

It was a first for Victoria and possibly for any Canadian Jewish community when about 60 Jewish women here held their own seder during Passover week (on April 22).

"It was a joyful but serious religious service meant as an outreach to women whose needs are not met through the Jewish community and are not connected or connected only in a fleeting way with the community," said Sue Berrin, one of the organizers of the event. Berrin is the wife of Rabbi Victor Reinsteiner, a spiritual leader of Congregation Emanu-El.

Held in the Jewish Community Centre, the seder was a potluck affair with each woman attending told what food to bring. Each also brought her own place setting for the meal.

As it was a vegetarian dinner, a roasted beet was substituted for the shankbone required for the seder plate.

Berrin, with the help of other women, rewrote the haggadah to suit the occasion.

The women were seated at a number of tables and one woman asked the four questions at each table — but they were not the usual ones: 1 — Why am I here tonight at a Jewish women's seder? 2. Who or what personal matriarch helped bring me to the seder? 3. Pesach is a time of liberation, both as a people and on a personal note. Tonight, think, what have you outgrown this year and what do you want

to grow into?

The fourth question, asked later in the seder, stated: Now that our voices are being heard, what do we want to say? What are some of our visions, ideas, commitments for the coming year?

Prayers recited with the drinking of the four cups of wine were decidedly different. With the second cup, the women said: "As Jewish women we know that we have often been robbed of a sense of dignity and a visible place in Jewish life, in our synagogues and community." The toast was "to liberation."

The third cup was a toast "to resistance," and honored the memory of "our glorious and brave sisters, who fought so courageously against the Nazis." Names mentioned included Hannah Senesh and Havivva Reik, who parachuted behind enemy lines in Hungary and Slovakia to organize resistance and rescue Jews. Remembered also was Rosa Robots, who organized the smuggling of dynamite to blow up a crematorium in Auschwitz.

The fourth cup was dedicated to the future — "We dream of a world in which Jewish women, and all other peoples, are free to be themselves," and "We hope for a time when Jerusalem will be a beacon of sisterhood and brotherhood, and we dream of a world at peace."

The seder plate symbols included a glass of clear water, the Cup of Miriam, in honor of Miriam, the sister of Moses. "The water represents Miriam's

well, which followed the Israelites throughout their desert wanderings. It is Mayim Chayim, Living Waters, the waters we bathe in to renew ourselves, to mark our cycles."

In relating the story of Pesach, the haggadah pays tribute to "our earliest foremothers," Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah. It was they, with the forefathers, Avraham, Yitzhak and Ya'acov and their 13 children who first went down into Egypt.

When the pharaoh enslaved the Hebrews and ordered that every newborn Hebrew boy be drowned in the Nile River, two midwives, Pu'ah and Shifrah began the rebellion against the pharaoh by setting up a network to hide the infants, the haggadah relates.

And it was Yochebed who refused to obey the edict by putting the infant into a basket "and laid it in the grasses by the river Nile." The child, of course, was rescued by the princess, who named him Moses and it was Miriam who suggested to the princess that Yochebed nurse the child until he was weaned.

Berrin explained to *The CJN* that the standard haggadah is dominated from a man's point of view. "We explored the story of Passover and expanded on it — without taking anything from the men," she added.

Berrin organized the seder with Charlotte Atlung Sutker, a past president of Congregation Emanu-El. It is expected to become an annual event.

Hip Hip Hooray run a go

TORONTO —

Thousands of Canadians with joint replacements will take to the streets on June 7th in a huge Canada-wide walk to raise money for orthopaedics. The Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation is organizing the Hip Hip Hooray event at 50 sites across Canada from St. John's, Newfoundland to Victoria, B.C.

George Hees, former minister of veterans affairs, and Dr. Carroll Laurin of Montreal, both recipients of artificial joints are

honorary chairmen of the campaign together with hockey star Wayne Gretzky who represents the interest that all athletes have in the branch of orthopaedics dealing with sports injuries. (Orthopaedics is a branch of surgery dealing with damage to bones, muscles and joints.)

The National Hockey League is taking an active interest in Hip Hip Hooray due to the large number of hockey players and former hockey players that suffer from joint injuries that can

be repaired through orthopaedics.

Orthopaedics are expected to have a heightened profile this year due to another interesting event. This year Toronto plays host to the combined meeting of the Orthopaedic Associations of the English-speaking world and hundreds of orthopaedic specialists from around the world will be converging on Toronto for the conference on June 21 - 26 at the Metro Convention Centre.

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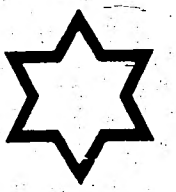
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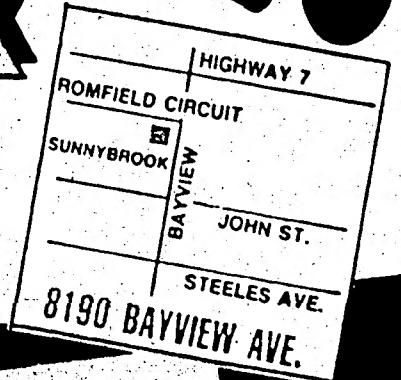
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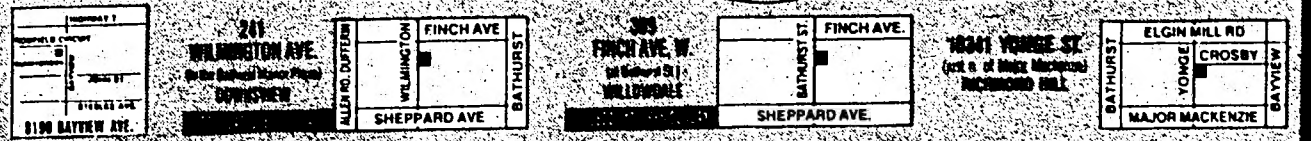
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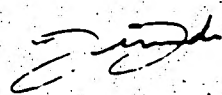
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I am pleased to convey my warmest greetings and best wishes to everyone participating in the 23rd Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress, taking place in Toronto.

This event provides you with an excellent opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues of interest to Jewish communities across Canada. It also serves as an ideal venue for the exchange of ideas and information with colleagues from all walk of life. Your deliberations will no doubt prove to be fruitful and will enable you to look to the future with renewed optimism and commitment.

I trust that you will have a productive assembly and I wish you every success in meeting the challenges ahead.

Je suis heureux de transmettre mes plus cordiales salutations à tous les participants de la 23^e assemblée plénière du Congrès juif canadien, qui se déroule à Toronto.

Cet événement est une occasion idéale de discuter de divers sujets intéressant les communautés juives du Canada, ainsi que d'échanger des idées entre collègues. Vos délibérations seront sans aucun doute fructueuses et vous permettront d'envisager le futur avec un regain d'optimisme.

Je vous souhaite une excellente assemblée et vous présente mes meilleurs vœux de succès face aux défis de l'avenir.



Brian Mulroney



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PRESIDENT HERZOG'S GREETINGS TO THE 23RD PLENARY ASSEMBLY
OF THE CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS

My Friends,

The certainties of yesterday are the open questions of today. It is astounding to recall how much has changed in the last year - perhaps most strikingly the almost incredible break-up of Soviet Russia and the diminution of its international role. This overshadows even the revolutionary changes in so many European regimes, and the ominous developments in Iraq, Iran and other Middle Eastern nations. Nor can one predict with any certainty the direction that the Peace Negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries will take.

How will so fluid and perplexing a situation affect the Jewish world and Israel? We Jews may be forgiven for asking that immediate, almost instinctive question. It stems from centuries-old experience that tells us how fragile the Jewish position is in times of crisis.

To observe, to evaluate, to understand and act upon that position becomes an overwhelmingly important priority. This has consistently been the role of the World Jewish Congress and its national affiliates. That Canada's Jewish Congress has been outstandingly effective is known to all who follow the development of modern Jewish life. Yours is the task of studying your own situation and safeguarding your own community in a great country not untouched by the winds of change. Yours is also the responsibility for continuing to contribute to the welfare of other Jewish communities and the solution of the great problems which affect Israel and all of us.

There is much for this Plenary Assembly to consider. May it do so with wisdom and strength.



Chaim Herzog

ראש הממשלה
THE PRIME MINISTER

Jerusalem, January 28, 1992

Dear Friends,

From Jerusalem, our nation's capital, I send greetings to the Convention of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

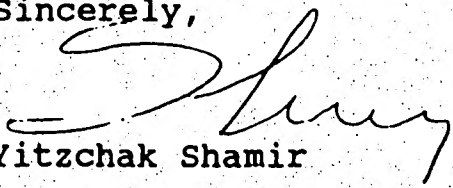
You are meeting in historic times for our people and our country. Our two priority undertakings at this time are the absorption of hundreds of thousands of immigrants from the Soviet Union, Ethiopia and other countries, and the peace process which began in Madrid last October. We knew then that we had embarked on a long and difficult road and are resolved to persevere with patience and tenacity.

As one of the participants in the multilateral phase of the peace process, Canada can play a constructive role in bringing peace and stability to the region and well-being to all its peoples.

We appreciate the efforts of the Canadian Jewish community and wish you continued success.



Sincerely,


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I am pleased to send the Canadian Jewish Congress my best wishes on your 23rd Plenary Assembly.

The past few years have witnessed extraordinary events in the evolution of world peace and human rights. As walls and barriers continue to crumble, we have seen tremendous strides taken in effecting change through peaceful means. The recent Madrid peace talks and the follow up in Moscow are an example of this. Meaningful communication takes time to establish. But we should be heartened by efforts to come together to realize the common goals of peace, tolerance and respect.

The first step is education. The Canadian Jewish Congress, through its educational programs, information sessions and vigilance about racial discrimination, help guide Canadians on this course. The Supreme Court of Canada's recent decision that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms does not protect the right to promote hatred and to practise discrimination was handed down because Canadians believe that we should not allow anyone to attempt to create discord among us.

Our government's Anti-Racism Secretariat will mobilize all sectors of our society against racism. This strategy is complemented by employment equity legislation and a through review and reconstruction of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. I appreciate the Congress' serious efforts, and look forward to your continued good work.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Congress members from other parts of Canada. Please accept my best wishes for a successful and memorable conference.



Bob Rae

Minister of Multiculturalism
and Citizenship



Ministre du Multiculturalisme et
de la Citoyenneté

Dear Friends,

My very best wishes to all those attending the 23rd Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The three years since the last Plenary Assembly in Montreal have been amongst the most extraordinary in history and their impact upon our community has been significant. From the renewed migration of Jews, from the former Soviet Union to the gulf War, from the new rise of anti-semitism to the peace talks between Israel and her Arab neighbours, the issues have by turn filled us with joy and sadness, apprehension and hope.

Throughout this period, the Canadian Jewish Congress has been tireless not only in its work and on issues which affect and concern Jews everywhere, but equally on those which affect us as citizens of Canada. In the fight for social justice, in its opposition to racial discrimination in all forms, in its advocacy and defence of the human rights of all members of our society, the Canadian Jewish Congress has more than fulfilled its purpose and mission. And, in the search for unity and the consensus by which our nation can resolve its constitutional challenges, the Congress has been amongst the most consistent and eloquent voices calling for understanding and accommodation between Canadians.

I have no doubt that the principles which have guided and sustained the Canadian Jewish Congress since its inception and which have made it a cornerstone of our community, will enable the Congress to continue its inspired leadership to the next Plenary Assembly and well beyond.

A successful and rewarding Assembly to you all.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gerry".

Gerry Weiner

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MESSAGE FROM THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

MESSAGE DU CHEF DE L'OPPOSITION

I am happy to have the opportunity to extend my best wishes to the delegates of the 23rd Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The activities of the Congress remind all Canadians of the rich heritage that the Jewish people bring to our society. The Congress, speaking to and for the Jewish community, has made laudable gains for the rights of minorities. Your contributions to Canadian culture, society and economy are immeasurable.

On a personal note, I can say that I have greatly benefited from the advice given to me by Congress leadership. I hope we can continue that relationship in 1992 and beyond.

I wish you well in your deliberations at this Plenary Assembly.



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As Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada, I am pleased to offer warm greetings to delegates and officers of the Canadian Jewish Congress on the occasion of your twenty-third Plenary Assembly.

Your meeting comes as Canadians throughout this country are asking fundamental questions about the nature and direction of our nation. The ideas and initiatives your assembly generates will, I am certain, help to reaffirm Canada's strengths as a nation of diversity, tolerance and cooperation.

Please accept my best wishes for success in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Audrey McLaughlin, MP
Leader, New Democratic Party





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**A Message from the Honourable Elaine Ziemba,
Minister of Citizenship**

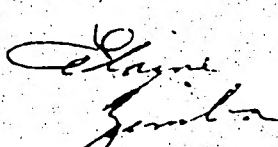
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome delegates to the twenty-third Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The theme of this year's plenary; **"Confronting the Future - Let your Voice be Heard"** is timely for all of us when you observe the major changes taking place across the world.

The pace of democratic reform in Eastern Europe is the most dramatic example of how our world is changing around us. With these positive changes, there is a corresponding rise of racism and neo-nazism, which has contributed to the re-emergence of open acts of anti-Semitism. When we confront the future, we must be vigilant in attacking all forms of racism. Anti-Semitism must be stopped.

United community effort is the most effective way to stop racism. That is why, I am pleased that the Ontario Government and the Ministry of Citizenship works so effectively with the Canadian Jewish Congress. We are able to work to respond to the challenges confronting the Jewish community and to make sure concerns are addressed. On April 3rd, 1991, I announced the Ontario Anti-Racism Strategy which was designed to ensure that the people of this province are free of racism and harassment. The Canadian Jewish Congress is a key partner of this initiative and your contributions and input are highly valued.

Let me take this opportunity to wish the Executive Board members, the other volunteers, and the staff of the Canadian Jewish Congress all the best. Keep up the excellent work and have a great Plenary.




Elaine Ziemba
Minister



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**Message from Les Scheininger
President of Canadian Jewish Congress**

Dear Friends:

Three years ago I was acclaimed as the 12th president of Canadian Jewish Congress. It was indeed an honor to assume this important leadership role with the representative body of Canadian Jewry.

As my term comes to a close and the 23rd Plenary at the Regal Constellation Hotel in Toronto May 20 to 24 approaches, I am proud of the achievements of this administration. In my acceptance speech at the last Plenary in Montreal, I spoke about the State of Israel and stated that over the next three years Canadian Jewry would be more significant to the Jewish homeland than ever before. I think we have accomplished that. CJC has undertaken a number of highly successful missions to Israel, including a trip of the National Executive just prior to the Gulf War and a mission comprising leaders from nine ethnocultural communities last summer.

We are living in a changing world. So much has occurred in three years. The walls of communism came tumbling down in Eastern Europe. The Soviet Union is no more. Operation Exodus brought Soviet Jews to Israel, their homeland. Israel has survived Scud missile attacks from Iraq and now has sat at the same table with its Arab foes to discuss peace. In the last year, Israel has renewed diplomatic relations with China, India and Russia. We were all overwhelmed by the lightning rescue mission of Operation Solomon, which brought almost 15,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

Yes, there has been a lot of progress made on issues of concern to us since the last Plenary. However, there is still a great deal of work to be done. On the domestic agenda, the constitutional debate continues, with CJC playing an active role as part of a broad ethnic coalition with the Italian and Greek communities. Hatemongers like Ernst Zundel, James Keegstra and Malcolm Ross continue to taint our society, while leaders of the Aryan Nations and Ku Klux Klan spread their venom as well. The Canadian government must push ahead with the prosecution of suspected Nazi war criminals. Too little movement has occurred on this dossier since the last Plenary. The Jews of Syria remain a captive community, not allowed to emigrate. We must continue to exert pressure on all the authorities through our Task Force on Syrian Jewry and regional Jews in Arab Lands Committees.

The upcoming Plenary is an opportunity to look ahead. Make it a point to join us as we confront the future. This is your opportunity to let your voice be heard and help shape the agenda of Canadian Jewry for the next three years.

It has been a great privilege to serve as president, and I intend to maintain an active role in the Jewish community in the years to come.





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The Toronto Jewish community is proud to host the largest gathering of Canadian Jewish leaders from across the country at the 23rd Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Confronting the Future: Let your Voice be Heard is the Plenary theme, which I believe encompasses the very nature of the challenges we face today both as Jews and as Canadians and which we will address over our five day Assembly.

Confronting the Future because we must look ahead and question. Will there be a just peace in the Middle East? How will Israel successfully absorb the large numbers of Jews from the former Soviet Union? How will we continue to deal with the Holocaust deniers and hatemongers in our society? Is time running out to bring Nazi war criminals in Canada to trial? What is our constitutional future? What can we expect of future generations of Canadian Jewry?

Let your Voice be Heard because we must speak out on these and other compelling issues. We must participate in the resolution sessions which will shape the policy of Canadian Jewish Congress for the next three years. Your input is vital.

Many long hours of planning by our entire committee with participation from across the country have made this event possible. The dedication, determination and commitment of this large team of volunteers is truly inspiring.

We are proud to present this Magazine Supplement as a special feature of the 23rd Plenary Assembly. The five sub-themes of the Plenary are the focus of the various articles in order to give some insight into the issues which will be discussed in detail at the Plenary. We wish to thank the contributing writers for sharing with us their knowledge, expertise and personal opinions.

I also wish to take this opportunity to express our most sincere appreciation to our Chairman of Fundraising, Martin Sable and his entire Committee and to the Magazine Supplement editors Penny Offman, Barbara Bank and Faygie Schwartz for their unfailing support of this project and their long hours of hard work. A special thank you to the staff for their assistance and dedication. To our advertisers, sponsors and donors we extend our deepest gratitude for your interest and generosity.

At this critical juncture in our history it is vital that our voices be heard. I look forward to seeing you at the Plenary.

CAROL KASSEL, PLENARY CHAIR



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Canadian Jewish Congress: An Interlocking Agenda



CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS: AN INTERLOCKING AGENDA by Jack Silverstone

National Executive Director and General Counsel

There is a saying among jurists that "the law is a seamless web." While not susceptible of direct application to the Congress agenda, it is true to say that all the issues facing the Jewish community of Canada, and consequently Canadian Jewish Congress, relate deeply and directly one to the other. As we gather at our 23rd Plenary to elect the CJC leadership for the next three years in the only representational, democratic Jewish assembly on the continent, we also must confront the current and future menu of critical issues facing us all.

That we are at a crucial time in the history of Canada, Israel and the Jewish world internationally is obvious. It has never been more important for Jewish leadership to be informed and to actively participate in the central bodies and committees of CJC that exist to confront those matters of vital concern. There exists no better vehicle for that than the Plenary Assembly.

Under the broad rubric of communal "defence," CJC, through committees such as the Joint Community Relations Committee (JCRC), which has made so many contributions to the alleviation of racism and anti-Semitism in our society, continues to grapple with the uglier side of Canadian public life while at the same time seeks to promote understanding among all ethnic groups through the advancement of equality and human rights. Similarly, the National Holocaust Remembrance Committee and the Committee on Nazi War Criminals work to enhance the goals of justice, remembrance and historical morality.

As an example of thematic interconnection, the Holocaust-denial movement, being the latest and most sophisticated manifestation of contemporary anti-Semitism, is met head on by the JCRC, yet at the same time the battle extends to those who seek to ensure that Nazi mass murderers in Canada are brought to justice. As the generational memory of the Holocaust recedes, the work of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee becomes even more important, in and of itself, and also as it relates to combatting renewed anti-Semitism and the effort to bring suspected Nazi war criminals to justice. It has been said of the Holocaust deniers that for them, if there were no war crimes, then there can be no war criminals. The struggle is multidimensional.

The Religious and Interreligious Affairs Committee pro-

motes interfaith understanding while combatting prejudice and advocating the cause of human rights, while the Law and Social Action Committee works to ensure that the Canadian Jewish community's shared goal of social justice is an underpinning for CJC's involvement in a variety of national issues. All these efforts buttress one another in ensuring the outreach of the Jewish community to as many diverse segments as possible within Canadian society.

On the international scene, the changes that have taken place since the last plenary could scarcely have been predicted without the gift of Biblical prophecy. Yet now, more than ever, the challenges of the new Europe, both east and west, as it grapples with renewed anti-Semitism, the developments in Israel and the Middle East, and the plight of Syrian Jews must be squarely addressed by the organized Jewish community.

Within our own country, Canadian Jews, both as individuals and organizationally through Canadian Jewish Congress, have played and continue to discharge an active role in the vital constitutional debate. Interesting, this is a continuation of a long-standing Congress tradition of broad involvement dating back to the '40s and '50s relating to the Canadian constitution and issues of national unity. For all Jewish Canadians, like it or not, this debate is relevant to them and must be recognized as such. That includes the residents of small communities, to whom there has been an intensive educational outreach through community and leadership development over the past decade of CJC's organizational life.

It is worth recalling, as CJC embarks on its 23rd Plenary Assembly, that the use of the word "Congress" in the organizational title is not simply happenstance. Congress was and is meant to be the communal nexus for the total panorama of issues, policies, personalities and political persuasions for all of Canadian Jewry. Whether it be the careful organization of the Canadian Jewish community's historical patrimony in the largest Jewish archival collection under one roof through the cultural continuity of the Yiddishists to the projection of communal political power on the national and international spheres and the new sophistication necessary to combat the tireless anti-Zionist onslaught, Canadian Jewish Congress will continue to respond to the Jewish imperative.

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23rd Plenary Assembly



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The upcoming 23rd National Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress, to be held May 20 to 24 at Toronto's Regal Constellation Hotel, will focus on the crucial issues of the Canadian Jewish agenda. A wide array of plenums, fora and special programs have been organized in such a way as to allow any delegate and observer the chance to attend and participate in at least one aspect of every major issue being examined at the assembly.

The Plenary theme is **Confronting the Future – Let Your Voice Be Heard**. Five major sub-themes have been identified in terms of the issues facing Canadian Jewry today: **Jewish Continuity, Canadian Unity, Israel, Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust and Oppressed World Jewry**.

The program ensures at least one plenary session on each of these themes. For the purposes of more discussion, these will directly be followed by a series of related fora. This will achieve the purpose of having delegates exposed to each and every theme and allow them to let their voices be heard after the subject has been given some context. This format differs greatly from those followed at previous Plenaries wherein subjects were interspersed and delegates often missed out on specific themes. Secretary of State for External Affairs Barbara McDougall will be the keynote speaker at a major plenary session dealing with Canadian foreign policy. This will be of obvious interest in terms of Canada's involvement in the renewed Europe, the Middle East and oppressed Jewry.

JEWISH CONTINUITY

There are some 330,000 Jews in Canada and as the 21st century approaches, special attention is being paid to Jewish youth, the community leaders of tomorrow. The future of Canadian Jewry in the face of a population decline is of constant concern and the problems of intermarriage and assimilation must be dealt with. At the Plenary, Jewish Continuity will be explored as panelists try and answer the question **Does North American Jewry Have a Future?** It will be examined further in fora dealing with strategies for survival on Jewish education, the family, Jewish singles and campus life.

ISRAEL

As the representative organization of mainstream Canadian Jewry, CJC deals with a wide array of issues. Israel is at the core of all of them, whether it be discussing the mass aliya of Jews from the former Soviet Union, or following the peace process. The informed fundamental support for the State of Israel by the Jews of Canada remains steadfast and strong. At the Plenary, fora will deal with Israel-Diaspora relations, peace-making, and Canadian attitudes and policies on the Middle East. A session on World Jewry will take place as well.

CANADIAN UNITY

It is obvious that the situation in our country today has reached a critical juncture. The Canadian Jewish community

is one with deeply planted roots in the history and geography of Canada. The Canadian Unity Theme will be kicked off with an address on the government perspective by Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship Gerry Weiner, to be followed by a plenary on the Jewish outlook. This will lead us into three fora on the multicultural, regional and political perspectives. A luncheon with the Premier of Ontario will be followed by a plenary on the Visions of a New Canada.

OPPRESSED JEWRY

A great deal has occurred since the last CJC Plenary three years ago. The world is in constant flux. Jews continue to leave what is now the former Soviet Union in large numbers. Most of the Ethiopian Jewish community is now in Israel, following last year's dramatic rescue mission dubbed Operation Solomon. However, the plight of Syrian Jewry remains of utmost concern. Of the 40,000 Jews who lived in Syria prior to 1948 some 4,500 remain as virtual hostages. Around the world, advocacy on behalf of Syrian Jewry has taken on an increasingly high profile. At the Plenary, the theme of Oppressed Jewry will focus on Syrian Jewry, the lessons of the Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry campaigns and the Canadian immigration policy.

ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE

HOLOCAUST

It wasn't too long ago in Canada that restrictions, both explicit and implicit, as to where Jews could work and play, were not unusual. Jews were even told in the 1930s, when it was apparent to all that European Jewry was in grave danger, that no more Jews would be let in. Times may have changed, but anti-Semitism has not been eradicated from our society, neither at home nor abroad. In recent years there have been increased incidents of anti-Semitism in Canada. Hatemongers and Holocaust deniers such as Ernst Zundel, Malcolm Ross, James Keegstra and John Ross Taylor continue to taint our society. In Europe, it is with bitter irony that one notes that the fall of communism has led to a rise in anti-Semitism.

Legislation was enacted in 1987 permitting trials in Canada for war crimes and crimes against humanity. While progress has been excruciatingly slow in that area, the fact that the government has reiterated its commitment to bring Nazi war criminals to justice went some way to removing a stain from Canadian history.

However, much remains to be done. The memory of the Holocaust must be kept alive and the message "Never Again" repeated as often as necessary. The theme of anti-Semitism and the Holocaust will feature sessions on carrying on the memory, dealing with racism and anti-Semitism, the current status and options for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals and a special Shabbat program on human rights and the new anti-Semitism.

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Capsule Comments from Across the Country

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- נח וויטמאן

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Miriam Waddington
Toronto, Ontario

Canada to me is made up of a kaleidoscope of images; Jacques Cartier's funny hat, classes in Winnipeg's Peretz Shule, evenings of Yiddish folk singing, sleigh rides in winter, weiner roasts in autumn on the banks of the Red River, being called dirty Jew, even signs, in the thirties of "No Jew Allowed". Underlying all these images, Canada is the earth I walk on, the streets I know, the familiar sky, the lakes, the trees. All reassure me, tell me I am part of the landscape, inside and out, and no matter what happens, I am at home here and always will be.

Miriam Waddington was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She teaches English Literature at York University in Toronto. Her poetry and other works have been included in numerous anthologies in Canada, Australia, England and the United States. She is a three-time recipient of Senior Writing Fellowships from the Canada Council.

Jennifer Hesselson
Battleford, Saskatchewan

Canada has always been a very appealing country, to both my husband and me. When we planned to emigrate, we did not consider any country but Canada. We were totally bowled over by Western hospitality and were really made to feel at home in the community of Battleford, Saskatchewan. It was refreshing to come to a small town as we had always lived in big cities.

Jewishness is not something one takes for granted in a small town and we make a big effort to keep our Jewish identity. It involves more than just dropping the children off at Hebrew School. We have to travel 250 km., round trip, twice a month to give them a Hebrew education. Just making the trip conveys to our children the importance of their Jewishness to us. People in this community seem to be very accepting and interested in our Jewishness. The teachers at our nursery school and elementary school often ask me in to talk about our Jewish holidays at the appropriate times.

Shabbat is made more special as everyone looks forward to home baked Challah. In a small community one does not just go out and buy one. We do not keep kosher, but we do eat traditional Jewish foods.

While our relations in South Africa continue to live behind high walls and carry guns and are worried about their daily security, we have the luxury of living in a place with little serious crime, drugs or pollution. Canada is the first country in which we have had a meaningful vote and we fully appreciate the freedom to make meaningful choices.

Canadian Jewish Congress has made a great effort in the last few years to incorporate us into the bigger Jewish picture. We appreciate the CJC's effort to embrace our community and make us feel that we, as Jews in a small community, have an important part to play in Canada.

Jennifer Hesselson was born in South Africa. She is president of Hadassah-Wizo Battleford Chapter and Vice-President of the Figure Skating Club. She serves on the Executive of the Canadian Parents for French and on the Ballet Festival Committee.

What Canada Means to Me – as a Jew and as a Canadian



Irving Layton
Montreal, Quebec

Nearly eighty years after the event, I'm glad my immigrating parents landed in Quebec. However critical I've sometimes been of Canada, I've never lost sight of its many pluses. All Canadians must feel grateful for the order, welfare and civility its laws and traditions provide them. The poison level of anti-semitism is low and manageable.

Canada gave me the education and cultural milieu, the democratic freedom to develop my talents as a writer with unconventional and even subversive ideas.

Centuries of persecution have made the Jew especially sensitive to social injustice, to human cruelty and malice. He is at his best when he is the relentless critic of his society's mores. The Jew has an important role to play since Canada is still an unfinished poem, exhibiting the ugly chancres of racism, of poverty and homelessness. The challenges looming ahead are going to be mainly spiritual and psychological. Foremost among them is the dehumanization an all-too-successful technology has demanded. Not to be forgotten also is the moral and spiritual damage inflicted by the bloated social, economic and political aggregates that are so overpowering. What resources does the nation contain that might diminish the feelings of helplessness, of spiritual drift and emptiness, of ever-stronger feelings of anguish and self-hate?

I believe patience, tolerance and charitableness would go a long way towards solving most of the problems presently confronting us. Throw in a large measure of kop. We are punished not for our sins but for our stupidity.

A remote ancestor of mine who lived in Jerusalem in the year 485BC asked the one question that troubles me most. "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?" I'd be a happy man and a whole lot more confident about the future if I thought there were more oddballs like myself asking the same question.

Irving Layton was born in Roumania. He published his first book of poems in 1945 and has since produced nearly sixty volumes. His work has been translated into many languages and is taught in universities around the world.

Marina Tagger
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Freedom. The one thing that, if you have never had it before, you will passionately miss. The opportunity to live to one's potential and according to one's desires and beliefs is a precious gift; one which was granted to me upon immigration to Canada. To be born Jewish has always been an honour; to be free to practice Judaism is to live a rewarding, fulfilling and honourable life.

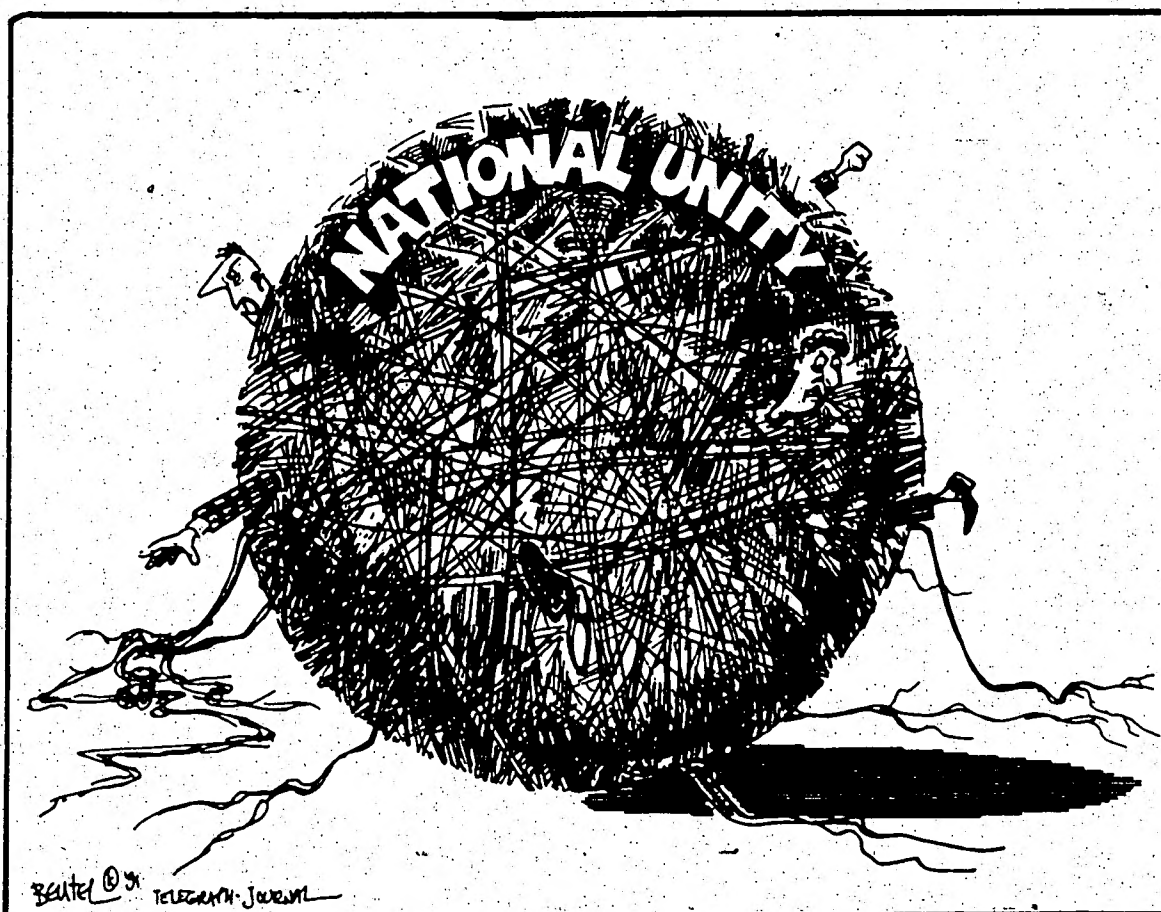
I was born in 1969. My family and I immigrated to Canada from Kiev in 1980. Cultural adjustments and making new friends were very difficult, especially since these events occurred during my teens. Nevertheless, the changes in lifestyle have added value to my experiences and have been enriching. I am currently in my final year at the University of Manitoba completing a bachelor's degree in education. I have a special interest in the study of the Holocaust and have devoted much time and effort in this area. One day, I hope to teach Holocaust studies and increase people's awareness and understanding of the true nature of the horrific events which have taken place. The freedom made available to me in Canada has allowed me to pursue these studies, something which would have never been possible for me to do in Russia.

For me, however, the most significant and important element of freedom in Canada is the freedom to practice Judaism. Now, I attend synagogue during the High Holidays and have discovered their significance and meaning. Life in Canada has not only allowed me to learn more and more about my heritage in secure and comfortable surroundings, but has allowed me to become actively involved in planning and coordinating Jewish functions in our community.

As I reflect, it is somewhat ironic that I would not have been able to develop into the individual which I had aspired to become unless I had left Russia. Fortunately, events have turned out in my favour and, just recently, I was married to a wonderful Jewish man. Only now am I able to pursue my career goals and build a Jewish home.

Thank you for selecting me for writing the above capsule.

Marina Tagger was born in Kiev. She is presently completing a Bachelor's Degree in Education.



What Canada Means to Me – as a Jew and as a Canadian



Morley Torgov
Toronto, Ontario

On a July evening in 1967, my wife and I and our two children sat in an open-air cafe atop one of the pavilions at Montreal's Expo. Below us, a tidal wave of humanity swept steadily by, hundreds upon hundreds of people laughing and chattering, seemingly carefree, the colours of their summer attire rendered all the more vivid by the yellow and orange rays of the setting sun. The sight was as perfect as a picture postcard; indeed, it was more perfect because it was completely natural, untouched by any artist's or photographer's hand. It struck me that God whose moods even at the best of times were never predictable had seen fit to make His countenance shine upon this scene. Of all the places in the world, among all the planets, throughout all the constellations, the Master of the Universe seemed to have singled out this site, in a country on Earth called Canada, to demonstrate the beauty and goodness He was capable of creating and bestowing upon mankind. "Behold, I have given unto you a magnificent corner of my Creation", he seemed to be telling us, "therefore, use it wisely."

Twenty-five years have passed and, alas, recollections of that shining moment in our nation's history now bring me pain rather than pleasure. The Canada I see before me in 1992 is not the broad land standing firmly between two oceans open-hearted, its arms outstretched ready to embrace the world. Instead, it lies in fragments, its unity shattered by strident regionalism, the afterglow of its centennial celebrations

replaced now by dark shadows of uncertainty. We are uncertain about our constitution. We are uncertain about the economic prospects of a country that now appears too vast for its population. We are uncertain about the integrity and competence of our political leaders. We exist in an endless winter of cynicism; the promises once held out to us by this nation have become icebound. Our entrepreneurs are reduced to filling out statutory forms. Our professionals are reduced to establishing reputations based upon their abilities to concoct tax-avoidance schemes. Our tycoons occupy themselves shuffling stock certificates. Our workers eye their clocks, yearning for the whistle that signals the end of yet another boring shift. And in some towns and cities of this land, incredibly, language police measure the height of letters on shop signs!

Perhaps the crowning irony is that we have so ordered our society that the citizens of this democratic state now exist to serve government...a far cry from what our forefathers had in mind in 1867, and later, in the heady days of 1967.

There are no easy pious platitudes that surface on this occasion. Somehow, somehow, we must find the imagination, the energy, and the courage to reconstruct the dream.

Morley Torgov was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. He practises law in Toronto and is the author of four books. He is the recipient of two Leacock Medals for Humor and his most recent novel, "St. Farb's Day", was a winner of a City of Toronto Book Award.

Ruth M. Goldbloom
Halifax, Nova Scotia

As the grandchild of Russian Jewish immigrants who came to Canada seeking the freedom long denied them, I have a special appreciation for the privilege of growing up as a Canadian citizen. Not that Canada was or is yet the earthly paradise we all desire. Indeed, when I graduated from university in 1944, my first job application was rejected, despite a major shortage of teachers, exclusively on the grounds that I was Jewish, as the letter of rejection informed me explicitly. The changes that have occurred in Canadian society in the ensuing half century make me increasingly optimistic about our future, despite the inevitable bumps and detours along the way. The current round of Constitutional Conferences may not solve all our problems. That is too much to expect. But what they have already done is to reveal a new spirit of generosity in many quarters of this country. Concepts of unity of purpose and accommodation of differences that were anathema a few years ago are now being expressed by so-called "ordinary" citizens from all parts of the country ... which gives me renewed hope for the future of my children and grandchildren.

Ruth M. Goldbloom was born in New Waterford, Nova Scotia. She is currently a member of the National Advisory Council of IMAGINE; the National Leadership Committee of LEAF (Women's Legal Educational and Action Fund); and the Customer Council of Canada Post.

From Bialik High School/Ecole Secondaire Bialik, Montreal, Quebec

I feel that Canada is my home. After giving the matter some serious thought, I realized that Quebec's proposed separation would be more than just an assertion of French-Canadian nationalism, it would be the amputation of a vital part of Canada's history and culture, and of an ultimately essential element in its very existence. I realized why people who represent our country in competitive events do so with such sincere pride and devotion that these competitors have more on their minds than just themselves; and that they represent the country they are proud of. I realized

that the decisions our government makes affect more than just a "country" but rather each and every Canadian citizen on a personal level, and I realized that all this was the case because Canada was important to its people; it is important to me, and it always would be.

Seth Poulin, Secondaire IV

Actuellement, le Canada est un pays qui a de sévères difficultés. Cependant, il est quand même notre pays et c'est à nous, les jeunes, de le sauver. La

philosophie du Canada est un compromis: le Canada veut maintenir l'unité nationale, mais en même temps, préserver l'héritage de ses différentes cultures (pas seulement anglaise et française). Cela aurait été très facile pour les gens qui ont créé le Canada de prendre l'exemple des États-unis et d'essayer d'effacer les héritages des immigrants, mais ils ne l'ont pas fait. Alors, on a maintenant nos problèmes uniques, mais on a aussi notre situation unique, et c'est ça qu'on doit préserver.

Barry Piafsky, Secondaire V

What Canada Means to Me – as a Jew and as a Canadian



From Herzliah High School (Snowdon Campus)/Ecole Secondaire Herzliah (Campus de Snowdon) Montreal, Quebec

...it means the right to complain about our abysmal economy, our soaring unemployment-rate and an emigration rate higher than the immigration rate. That's right! It means the RIGHT to complain, to make a choice, to do, to be CANADIAN!...

David Weinberg (16)

...In Ethiopia, if you are Jewish, you couldn't get a job and people were mean to you, calling you names and sometimes throwing rocks at you.

In Canada, you can go to the store and get as much bread as you want, work wherever you want, even if you are Jewish. In Canada, you can do whatever you want without being afraid...

Abraham Ayele (13)

...Being Canadian is never thinking of oneself as being patriotic. Yet, during the '92 Winter Olympics, I found myself glued to the television set cheering for Canada, being upset when we lost, proud when we won. Don't tell me – being Canadian is taking pride in BEING CANADIAN...

Ben Archibald (16)

...I was 7 years old when I came to Canada. Canada, to my parents meant a peaceful country with lots of freedom and a lot of opportunities like jobs. To me, at first Canada did not mean anything. I missed my friends, then I went to school and met lots of friends.

Shira Tal (12)

What does it really mean to be a Canadian? Is it a word? Is it a rank? No, to me, being a Canadian is something you are proud of admitting. When I watched the Olympics, I felt proud to know that my country was being honoured all over the world. It was deeply touching to hear the sound of our national anthem when Canada won a medal. I am proud, I am free. If Quebec separates, all the feeling of unity will be lost. We cannot let this happen! Canada is one special nation, and it should always be at peace.

David Schneider (13)

Canada Has Special Meaning for the Following Students Who Are Recent Arrivals

Le Canada représente pour moi une très bonne vie. Le Canada est un pays riche et je peux avoir toutes sortes de bonnes choses...

Daniel Moscovici (12)

J'aime le Canada parce que c'est un pays libre et je peux aller partout à l'étranger...

Mikahil Mednikov (13)

J'aime le Canada parce que chaque personne a le droit de faire ce qu'elle veut...

Brunevitsky Mikhail (14)

...c'est un pays libre avec de bonnes conditions de vie, une grande démocratie et c'est un pays riche...

Vadim Finkel (14)

Je pense que mes parents ont fait un bon choix en venant au Canada. Il y a une égalité de droit...

Llya Spivak (12)

Le Canada est un joli pays avec beaucoup d'eau, beaucoup de montagnes, beaucoup de surfaces vertes et il est riche...

Dans ce pays, il y a une grande démocratie. Au Canada on peut parler plusieurs langues...

Mikhail Faynshteyn (14)

Ici à Montréal, nous parlons 2 langues: le français et l'anglais; c'est un grand avantage car nous avons des amis anglophones et des amis francophones. Nous les Canadiens ne venons pas tous des mêmes pays, nous avons chacun des cultures et coutumes différentes. Nous devons cependant faire de notre mieux pour se comprendre et s'accepter car chacun a une culture très intéressante et très valable à apporter et à faire connaître pour mieux se comprendre les uns et les autres et chacun avec une expérience pour enrichir l'autre. C'est dans l'unité que nous pourrions progresser et s'entraider.

Llana Hauerstock (15)

Le Canada est un vaste pays avec beaucoup de beautés naturelles: les grands parcs de Colombie Britannique et les montagnes dominant cette région, les chutes du Niagara et les denses forêts de conifères que l'on retrouve partout. Mais, pour moi, le Canada signifie la liberté, la démocratie, la justice et l'égalité. Le Canada est le seul pays où on peut trouver autant de cultures différentes qui vivent ensemble en harmonie. Je suis fière de vivre dans un pays qui offre des chances égales à chaque race sans discrimination et sans distinction entre les gens et leurs origines.

Karine Salzman (14)

C'est un pays riche... il y a du respect pour tout le monde...

Denis Melekhov (13)

Au Canada, on trouve beaucoup de possibilités pour vivre une bonne vie...

Assaf Shemy (12)

Dans ce pays, nous avons beaucoup de possibilités pour l'avenir...

Erika Guarmati (15)

Le Canada, c'est un pays libre qui me donne beaucoup de possibilités que je ne pouvais pas avoir en Russie...

Leonid Trikhoniouk (14)

C'est un pays libre...

Alexandre Butvinnik (15)

C'est un pays libre et démocratique...

Vagan Sogomonian (12)

Au Canada, on est en sécurité, il n'y a pas d'ennemis aux frontières, pas de guerres avec les voisins...

Karine Benoualid (15)

Au Canada, on peut pratiquer différentes religions. C'est un pays très riche en ressources naturelles, il y a beaucoup de forêts, d'arbres...

Vladimir Fuks (14)

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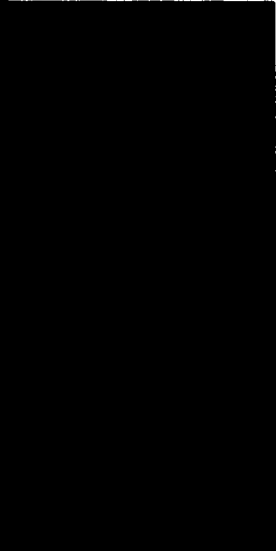
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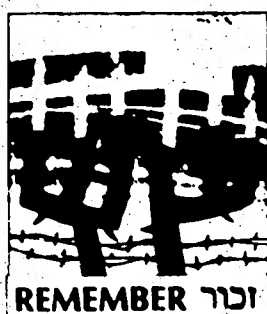
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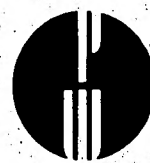
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NEVER AGAIN
by Pnina Spetgang

Anita Ekstein is one of the many children saved by one of the "Righteous Among the Nations" during the twelve years of Nazi tyranny. Ekstein's father convinced a complete stranger whom he met while working outside of the ghetto, to smuggle Anita out at night in a potato sack. He was a devoted Christian who kept Anita for a few months until he saw danger coming his way. He then took her to his nephew, a priest, where she stayed until liberation.

Similar stories were heard, this past May at the First Gathering of Hidden Children in New York City, which attracted 1600 child survivors. They shared some of their anguish as well as their happy moments. Here they found someone to listen.

The "Child Survivor" phenomena has just been recognized and identified publicly. All those former children are today in their forties and fifties. They never spoke about their experiences because no one wanted to listen to them. "You were a child" or "You didn't go through the camps" other survivors would say. However, at the Conference, all finally spoke. They talked of being left alone, of hiding in sewers, holes in the earth, pigsties, forests, or of the need to live as a faithful Christian in order to be saved but at the same time hearing and seeing how the Jews were hated with passion.

Today Anita Ekstein represents the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. She speaks regularly to High School students of her life at home before the Nazi invasion, about life in the Ghetto and about her years of survival at the home of a priest. "With adaptability, resilience, intelligence and a heroic will to survive, we made it," says Ekstein. "Most of us became productive citizens in our societies."

Ekstein married and raised 2 sons and a daughter. However, she felt she must get involved in the community and derive satisfaction from helping others. First she was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, then with Senior Care. Anita was one of the recipients of the 1991 Shem Tov award given by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and of the Marie and Jack Freedman Memorial Award given by Senior Care.

On a recent trip to Poland organized by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Anita visited for the second time Lucia, the priest's niece. She corresponds with her regularly and sends her care packages as her way of saying "Thank you".

Ekstein's message to all child survivors, is "Now more than ever we must remember and educate the future generations because the older generation of survivors is gradually dying".

This message is especially important in today's climate, with the rise of neo-Nazism in Europe and North America, and the outspokenness of many deniers of the Holocaust. It is our duty is to halt prejudice, discrimination and racism. It is our responsibility to prevent another such catastrophe.

Pnina Spetgang is the Director of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto.

Anita Ekstein will be a panelist on the forum Carrying on the Memory One Generation Later.



Group of congregants of the priest's church, taken in 1943. Anita kneeling in front of the priest who saved her.

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ANTI-SEMITISM IN CANADA TO-DAY

By Manuel Prutschi

The years in-between the last Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary and this one have recorded a noticeable increase in the number of anti-semitic incidents, including angry and abusive phone calls, hate letters, graffiti, vandalism and even threats to physical security. This anti-semitic activity, however, does not reflect majority popular sentiments about Jews nor the prevalent principles guiding mainstream Canada. Anti-semitism is not part of the underlying value system of the country. Jews have come to be accepted and respected by most people and to be seen as an integral part of the Canadian landscape.

The Canada of to-day is not the Canada of the 1920s to the 1950s. There was a time when journalists and commentators unhesitatingly expressed themselves in raw, racist terms in newspapers and magazines, while politicians, likewise, did not shrink from making racist references. To-day, civility in public discourse is the norm. When the media, politicians or prominent personalities stray from this norm, at a minimum there is wide condemnation, and they must backtrack and apologize or suffer a loss in prestige. Furthermore, to-day there is hardly a field of activity which is closed to members of the Jewish community.

The increase in anti-semitic incidents is the result of anti-semites surfacing because they have found the climate more propitious for re-emergence. Economic malaise is now being felt more and more directly by the population at large. People's futures have been narrowed, and there is uncertainty. The resultant insecurity leads to a search for scapegoats, and Jews are an obvious and classic target.

The media's relentless focus on the negative in its coverage of Israel and, more particularly, the lack of balance and symmetry in the publicity accorded the Palestinian uprising can be regarded as another reason for increased acts of anti-semitism. Likewise, contemporate criticism of Israel, devoid of sensitivity as to tone and to context, by some political and religious leaders has presented an opportunity for the bigots and brought anti-semitic fallout on Jews.



There are differences among the organized groups which target Jews. With the ultra-conservatives tending towards racism, racism is more or less masked. The white supremacists view society entirely through the prism of race. The Nazis and the neo-Nazis seek to rehabilitate the Third Reich.

The "theologians of hate", (e.g. James Keegstra, Malcolm Ross) see themselves as the contemporary torch bearers of an uninterrupted Christian tradition, and view the Jew and Judaism as the enemy.

Missionizing groups love Jews but hate Judaism. They plug into another Christian tradition - the notion that Christianity, in effect, has superseded and supplanted Judaism.

Much has been accomplished by Jews and Christians working in concert, but there is no denying the durability of Christian anti-semitism. Anti-semitic attitudes, albeit in a form paler than those exhibited by the theologians of hate at one extreme, and the proselytizers on the other, no doubt persist in significant numbers of Christians to-day. It would be unrealistic to expect that such attitudes would have evanesced after having been fostered for centuries.

The myth of the Jew as Shylock also persists. One still encounters the pejorative expression "to Jew" or "to Jew down". The Oxford Dictionary continues to carry a negative definition of the word "Jew", both as a noun and a verb,

because it feels it incumbent to reflect attitudes which remain in force in the population.

Anti-semitism, in other words, has far from disappeared. If one pictures people's attitudes towards Jews in a series of concentric circles, those individuals who are unhesitant about openly expressing their dislike for Jews are at society's outermost circle. Next to them is a circle made up of that portion of the population ranging from the silently bigoted to the latently prejudiced. These are Canadians who, in varying degrees, feel a level of discomfort about Jews and about associations that they might have with them. The largest circle, constituting Canada's core, is healthy and solidly tolerant. Nevertheless, over the years, various attitudinal studies, though they might differ on the precise percentages, consistently confirm that there is a significant minority pocket of intolerance with which Canadian Jews must still co-exist.

Anti-semitism to-day is not at the centre of Canadian life. Nonetheless, it is in the dynamics of anti-semitism for it to attempt to move from the periphery to the centre and the mainstream. It is important to ensure that it remains forever at the margins.

Manuel Prutschi is National Director of Community Relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress.

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ANTI-SEMITIC DESECRATION: A CASE STUDY By Bernie M. Farber

On Saturday evening, June 10, 1989, Elizabeth Major, age 19, was having a party at her parents' home in a quiet residential area of North York. Mr. and Mrs. Major were away for the weekend. Elizabeth, a part time cadet with the Canadian Armed Forces, was not known to be a trouble maker. Recently, however, Elizabeth had met a new group of friends, racist skinheads. She was particularly attracted to a young neo-Nazi, Zvonimir Lelas, aged 21.

"During the course of the evening it was suggested that the group would go to a synagogue for the purpose of spraying it with paint." (From court records)

Checking the yellow pages, a nearby synagogue was located; the Shaarei Shomayim, a few blocks from Elizabeth Major's home. Approaching the synagogue, Lelas and Major wasted no time. In an orgy of anti-semitic hatred, Lelas sprayed 2 large swastikas circled in red on the main doors of the building, followed by "Smash the ZOG" (anti-semitic acronym for Zionist Occupational Government). Working in a frenzy, Lelas and Major added "WHITE POWER" and more swastikas to the walls and windows of the "shul".

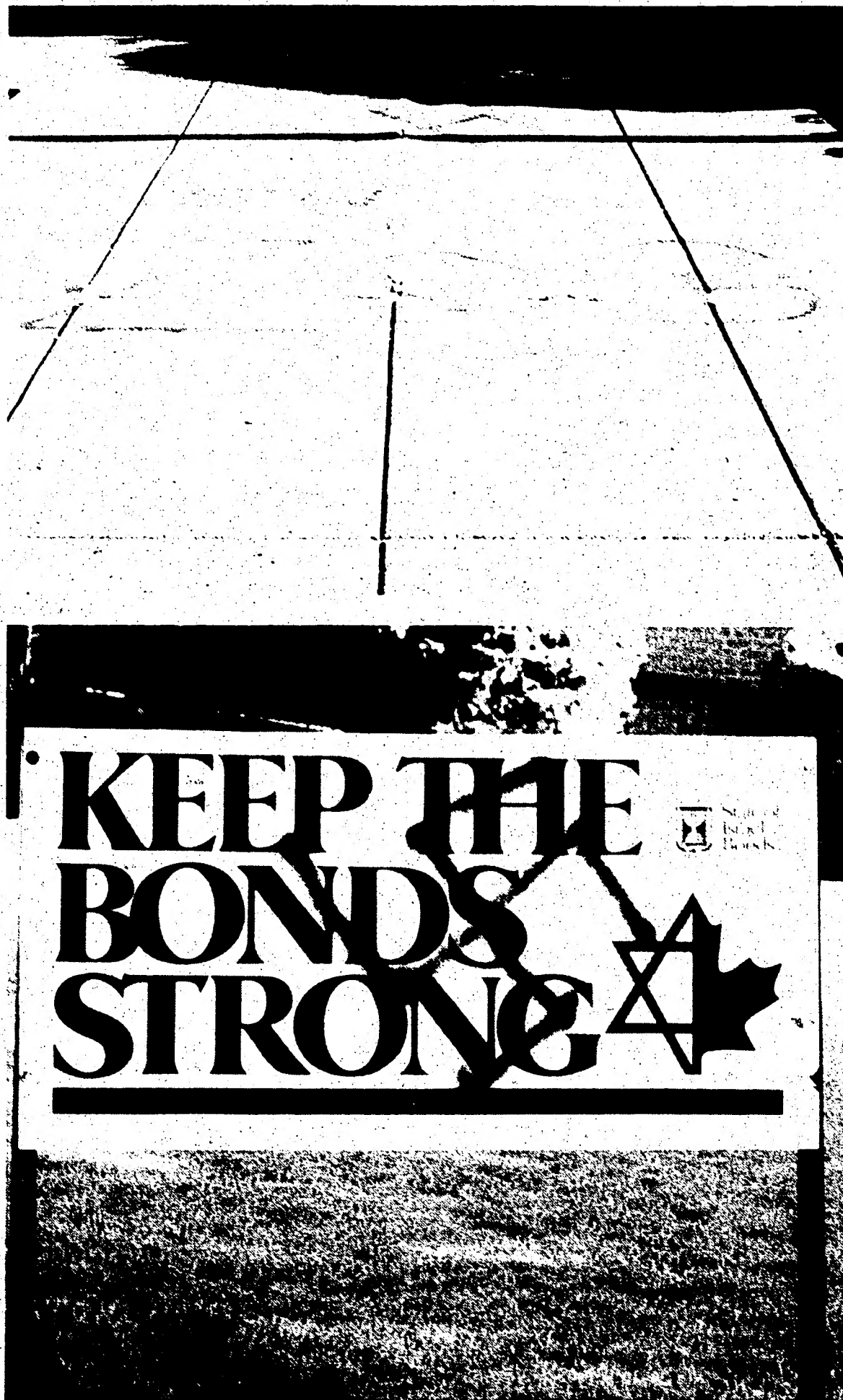
The night of hatred was not yet over. To complete the evening, Lelas spray painted "NAZISM" and a swastika on a Hebrew Day School sign, as well as "ZOG HAS DIED" on the front door of the school. Finally, with one last burst of anti-semitic energy, Lelas painted a large swastika on the hood of a car which, as it turned out, was Jewish owned.

Benny Stark, House Chairman for the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, and a Holocaust survivor, was the first person to witness the damage. In giving a victim impact statement to the court during the Lelas sentencing, Benny recalled that terrible day:

"I don't have to tell you how much I was personally, emotionally hurt as a survivor to see after 45 years that horrible thing on our synagogue."

Under the chairmanship of David Satok, of the J.C.R.C. of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, a reward of \$5,000.00 was offered. Over the next five days, forty different religious, ethnic and minority groups came forward and

added to the CJC reward. When it was all over, Blacks, Chinese, Anglicans, Japanese, Serbians, Roman Catholics, and many more had come together in a unique show of solidarity, bringing the reward to \$25,000.00.



Never Again



Then, days later, after having received several useless "tips", we received another phone call. One piece of crucial information had been withheld from the media, the **swastika painting on the car hood**. Yet, this caller, in describing the details of June 10, 1989, knew the entire story, including the swastika on the car.

We facilitated in linking the informant with the police. Zvonimir Lelas and Elizabeth Major were arrested that evening. Interestingly, Lelas was preparing to lead a group of neo-Nazi

skinheads to the infamous "WHITES ONLY" Nazi rally being held that summer outside Minden, Ontario. As a result of Lelas' quick arrest, the Nazi skins, leaderless and rudderless, drifted away.

Both Lelas and Major pleaded guilty to "Mischief" and "Property" offences. Elizabeth Major had no prior record, nor any prior connection to neo-Nazi groups. She was given a suspended sentence. Lelas, on the other hand, was quite different. He had a lengthy history of involvement with neo-Nazi

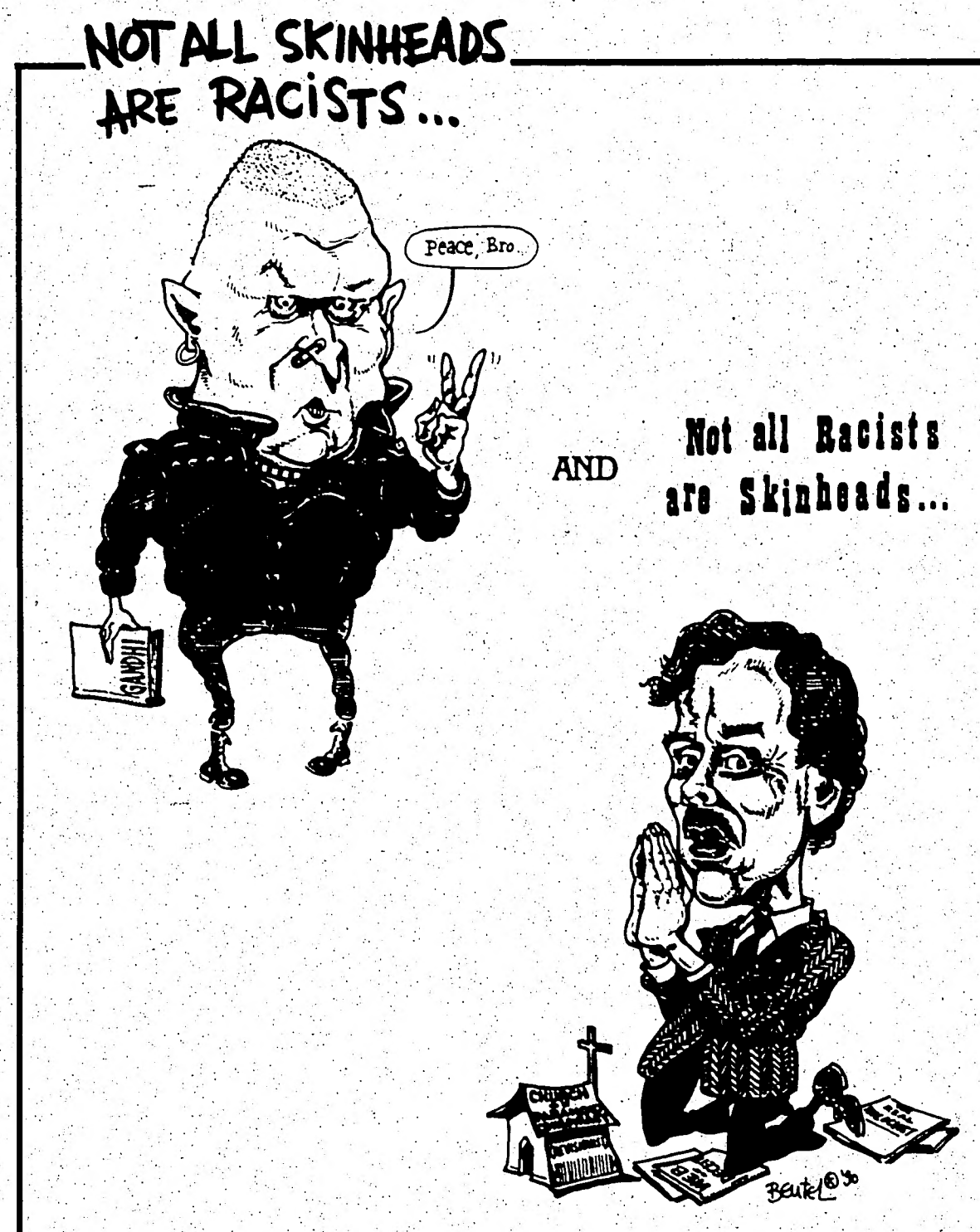
groups, including a leading role as "Exalted Cyclops" with the Ku Klux Klan. Despite this information, as well as victim impact statements from synagogue member, Benny Stark, and myself, on behalf of the Canadian Jewish community, Lelas was only ordered to pay restitution and serve a six-month sentence.

CJC urged the Crown to appeal the sentence. On August 31, 1990, the Ontario Court of Appeal granted the application, upheld the Appeal and substituted a sentence of one year. In writing for the Majority, Justice Houlden spoke for all decent Canadians:

"When mischief is racially or religiously motivated and is done to cause emotional injury or shock to a particular segment of Canadian society, it calls for a far more severe penalty than mischief which is done merely to damage property.... A sentence of six months is not, in my opinion, sufficient ... to show society's general abhorrence of the acts of the Respondent. The message must go out loud and clear that conduct such as that engaged in by the Respondent will not be tolerated in Canadian society ... and will be met with a severe penalty."

It became clear that a precedent had been set. The Jewish community fought back and won!

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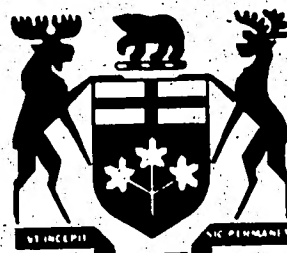
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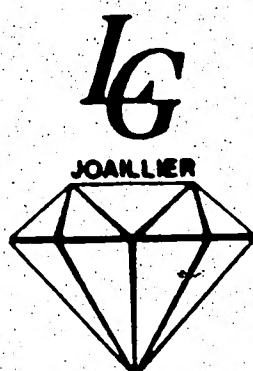
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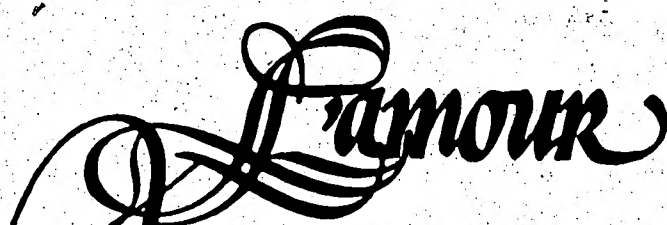
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EVENING

Opening Session – Six Day War: Twenty-five Years Later

Speakers:

Hon. Yitzchak Navon, M.K.
Major General (Res.) Uzi Narkiss

Sepharad '92 Commemoration
Sepharad '92 Reception

Thursday, May 21, 1992

MORNING

Theme 1: Jewish Continuity

Plenary: Does North American Jewry Have a Future?

Fora: Strategies for Survival

1. Jewish Education
2. The Family
3. Jewish Singles
4. Campus

AFTERNOON

Issues of Contemporary Concern (Lunch and Learn)

1. The Media and Jewish Issues
2. Civil Liberties and the Jewish Agenda: Are They Compatible?

Theme 2: Israel in a Changing World

Plenary: Canadian Foreign Policy

Speaker: The Hon. Barbara McDougall

Plenary: The New Israel: The Impact of the Recent Aliyah
Ambassador Yitzchak Shelef; Professor Daniel Elazar

Fora:

1. Israel and the Diaspora
2. Israel and the Arab World
3. Canadian Attitudes and Policies on the Middle East

EVENING

Canadian Unity Reception; Outgoing President's Address

Friday, May 22, 1992

MORNING

Theme 3: Canadian Jewry and National Unity:

125 Years After Confederation

Plenary: Government Perspectives

Speaker: The Hon. Gerry Weiner

Plenary: The Jewish Perspective

Fora:

1. Multicultural Perspectives
2. Regional Perspectives
3. Political Perspectives

AFTERNOON

Luncheon with Ontario Premier Bob Rae

Visions of a New Canada

EVENING

Jewish Perspective on Human Rights and the New Anti-Semitism

Saturday, May 23, 1992

AFTERNOON

Issues of Contemporary Concern

Fora:

1. Power and Influence:
The Status of Women in the Jewish Community
2. Are We Losing Our Youth on Campus?
3. Small Communities United: Facing the Challenges Ahead
4. Yiddish

Theme 4: Oppressed Jewry – The Canadian Response

Fora:

1. Advocacy on Behalf of Oppressed Jewry and Lessons of the Soviet Jewry Campaign
2. Ethiopian Jewry
3. World Jewry
4. Canadian Immigration Policy

EVENING

Israel and World Jewry

Prime Minister Yitzchak Shamir and Reception

Sunday, May 24, 1992

MORNING

Plenary: Oppressed Jewry

Syrian Jewry: The Other Hostages in the Middle East

Theme 5: Never Again

Fora:

1. Carrying on the Memory: One Generation Later
2. Dealing with Racism and Anti-Semitism
3. Prosecuting War Criminals

History of the Sephardic Community in Canada

AFTERNOON

Closing Luncheon

Address by Incoming President

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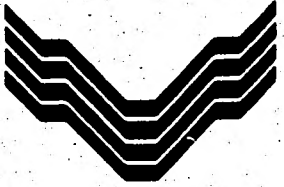
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The Great Era of Judaism: The Spanish Golden Age



The three blooming centuries of Jewish community life in the Iberian Peninsula were called "The Spanish Golden Age". That period which spanned the 11th to the 15th centuries, was characterized by quality innovation and activity in all spheres of life. Its continuing influence upon contemporary Jewish life has affected all Jews the world over.

In this short article, we will describe this era and the men it produced, men who left with us a noble heritage of which we can be proud.

Environment

Jewish communities were settled in the Iberian Peninsula as far back as the 3rd century. Legend has it that Jews settled there even before the beginning of the Christian Era. They reached their apogee after the Arab Conquest. Their active involvement in the economical, social, political and cultural life of this Muslim society was rendered possible thanks to the relatively liberal status the new masters of Iberia gave the conquered populations. At that time, Jews from Bagdad to Cordoba spoke Arabic and this language became the medium through which the Judaism of The Golden Age expressed itself.

The involvement of Jewish communities in the social life of the host country did not stop during the slow reconquest of Spain. Through their knowledge and talents, the Jews of Spain became the essential link between Christians and Moors to such an extent, that the country was to be known as "*Spain of the three religions*". It is thus easy to understand the role of the Spanish Jew as conveyors of knowledge and their immeasurable contribution to modern life in Europe.

Various areas of activity

Jewish activities were numerous and covered a very wide range, from politics to mysticism. A prominent feature that was very characteristic of Spanish Judaic men and women was an openness to the world that enabled, for example, Samuel Ibn Magrela (his con-

temporaries nicknamed him "Hanaguid" – the Prince) to be both the Prime Minister of the Caliph, as well as a poet of the Diaspora in Jewish history; R. Yehouda Halevy – to be the philosopher of the "Kouzari" and the author of the most beautiful songs of Zion:

Tzion halo tishali lishlom assir-
ayich
Dorshe shlomech vehem yeter
adarayich
Livkot enutech ani tanim
Ve'et echelom Shivat sh'vutech
ani kinor l'shirayich...

In Spain, the beauty of Hebraic poetry reached heights rarely attained before by other Jewish poets, either in Haskala times or among contemporaries. The inspiration of the authors of the Golden Age and the way they mastered the language remind us of the profundity, the bliss and the exaltation of biblical texts. For these authors, the language had always been the spiritual treasure that shaped itself in the soul of a people and which had to be kept, developed and enriched in order to make it the ideal means of expressing Jewish thought.

Such sensitivity as expressed in the Hebraic language may be considered one of the most precious gifts Providence gave the Jews in exile. Poets then became the devoted spokespersons, the minstrels of Jewish culture.

Upon examining the evolution of Sephardi poetry, it must be noted that grammarians and linguists were the first to try versification. It seemed as if it had first been necessary to ensure the survival of the language in order to guarantee the authentic passing on of knowledge. It has been the case for Menahem Benbaruk, Dunash Ben Labrath and Yehuda Hayyuj as well as many others. It is also well known that the greatest poets in Spain, as for example, Yehuda Halevy, Ibn Gabirol, Moshe Ibn Ezra and Abraham Ibn Ezra, knew the Talmud perfectly, commented on the Bible, and wrote essential philosophical essays for, according to them, poetry was the divine touch and the supreme expression.

The Halacha and the Talmud

R. Isaac Alfassi, better known as "Harif" (1013-1103), gave Halacha a brand new boost in the 11th century. Originating from Fes, he settled in Lucena where he set up a big Talmudic Academy. He wrote the "Sepher Halachot", a book that quickly became a classic and Judaism adopted it as the "Talmud Katan". After the "Rif" and R. Yossef ben Migash, came "Rambam" (Maimonides), the man Jewish historians compare to Moses. "Mimoshe v'ad Moshe lo kam kemoshe". He was the author of "Yad Hachazaka" and "Mishne Tora", a monumental piece of work, the ultimate source and reference for all Halacha and for any reflection on Jewish thought.

The philosophy

Maimonides is studied in all yeshivot and large Jewish and Israeli universities. He remains the symbol par excellence of the Sephardi Golden Age and one of the most outstanding figures of Judaism. He was born in Cordoba in 1204, was forced to flee to Fes and eventually settled in Cairo where he was Saladin's doctor. He wrote the "Guide for the Perplexed" which contains the essentials of his religious philosophy. He always felt concerned with the well-being of all Jewish communities throughout the world.

Together with Maimonides and Yehuda Halevy, one should of course not forget the outstanding Shlomo Ibn Guebirol, the Avicbron of medieval scolasticism, author of "Fons Vitae" (Mekor Haim) and Keter Malchut.

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LES SÉPHARADES DE TORONTO



C'est au courant des années 1960 que le paysage communautaire de Toronto, connaissait ses premières variations. En effet, l'arrivée massive des sépharades pour la plupart du Maroc, modifiait la composition de la communauté juive, en termes démographiques et culturels.

L'histoire de la communauté sépharade de Toronto est riche en épopées dont les "pionniers" se sont dévoués au bien-être de leurs coréligionnaires et dont le désir de préserver leurs valeurs, leurs langues, leurs cultures et leurs rites a résulté en des structures communautaires qui aujourd'hui, font l'orgueil de tous les Sépharades de Toronto.

Fondée par Maurice Benzacar, un communautaire dont la disponibilité et l'engagement sont légendaires, la Congrégation Magen David compte 160 familles d'origines géographiques diverses. Des conférences, des activités sociales et religieuses ainsi que toute une gamme de services sont aujourd'hui offerts sous la présidence de M. Albert Zhrien.

Petah Tikvah, de coloration et de rite tangérois, dessert plus de 400 familles. A travers son édifice acquis en 1974 puis agrandi en 1978, ce lieu de rassemblement présidé par M. Joe Elmaleh, organise des activités sociales, culturelles et religieuses. Le Rabbin Amram Assayag dont on dit que le dynamisme est contagieux, assure le leadership spirituel de la Congrégation.

Fondée en 1968 par le Rabbin Jacob Bengio et David Serfaty, la Tifereth Israël Congregation regroupe 85 familles. L'accent est mis sur la jeunesse. Des activités sociales ainsi qu'un Talmud Torah ne sont que quelques-uns des services offerts par la congrégation.

Le Minyan Sephardic Congregation présidé par Messod Boussidan, regroupe plus de 100 familles de rite orthodoxe. Dans cette Congrégation fondée en 1976, les jeunes sont strictement membres, contrairement aux autres synagogues où ils le sont par parents interposés.

La création de l'Ecole sépharade Or Haemet a apporté une dimension importante à la transmission de l'héritage sépharade. Présidée par Jacques Benquessus, cette école se veut un lieu d'apprentissage où les enfants assimilent une éducation moderne répondant aux besoins de notre société, tout en mettant l'emphase sur une éducation juive de haute qualité, teintée d'un héritage sépharade digne de nos racines.

Dans un souci de mieux desservir cette communauté, le Ontario Sephardic Association (OSA) fut créée en 1981 et fut présidée jusqu'en 1985 par le regretté Léon Oziel. Ses destinées sont aujourd'hui assurées par M. Simon Keslassy et de son Conseil d'administration qui regroupe sur la base de la règle de la proportionnalité, les représentants

de chacune des entités précitées.

Ainsi, L'O.S.A. a des liens organiques avec la Fédération séphardie canadienne et a établi des relations politiques avec les représentants des gouvernements espagnol, marocain et israélien.

Le but de l'O.S.A.? Maintenir le patrimoine sépharade, créer une Hevra Kaddisha, créer un Rabbinate sépharade, représenter la communauté auprès des instances gouvernementales et au sein des divers organismes Juifs.

Sépharades? Rien de plus vrai! Ces gens sont fiers de leurs origines et de leur culture et s'attribuent tous les moyens afin de perpétuer à plus de 10.000 kilomètres de leur lieu de naissance, les valeurs transmises de génération en génération. Comment ne pas s'émerveiller devant tant d'activité, devant tant de détermination des membres de cette communauté sépharade qui en plus d'avoir eu à affronter les difficultés d'une intégration à une nouvelle patrie, ont fondé des structures communautaires qui permettront à leurs enfants de préserver ce merveilleux héritage sépharade acquis à travers l'histoire. Face à tout cela, n'est-il pas normal que Toronto soit aussi connue sous le nom de: "la ville reine"!

David Sultan
Consiller politique
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The biblical exegesis and the mystique

Many are the well-known commentators - R. Abraham Ibn Ezra, Nahmanides (R. Moshe Ben Nahman) and Bahya Ibn Pakouda to name but three. Bahya Ibn Pakouda in his "The Duties of the Heart" (Hovot Halevavot), proposes an extremely pure and lofty doctrine for inner life. It is not difficult to understand why Hassidism recognizes him as its spiritual father.

R. Yossef Caro and his "Shulchan Aruch" and the masters of the Kabbala in Safed and Dona Gracia Mendes and Spinoza and Manasse Ben Israel obtaining the return of the Jews from England and... and... one can go on and on.

Conclusion

Why "Golden Age"? because throughout this period one finds great rigour and magnificent generosity in formulating knowledge as well as a continuous embellishing of the Hebraic expression.

.....because of the enrichment it brings to the whole Jewish community, through the unceasing flow of its inspirational thought, for the awareness it provides of the potential that lurks in the heart and mind of every child of Israel.

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A REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

By Gabriel Ben-Dor

As the year 1992 unfolded, it became increasingly clear that this would be a year of great importance to the future of the State of Israel. The country faced an election year, along with the expectation that the peace process would continue along the dual tracks of bilateral talks with neighbouring Arab countries, as well as multilateral talks involving a large community of nations from both inside and outside the region which have shown an interest in the strategic, economic, humanitarian and political future of a Middle East possibly oriented towards peace. The bilateral relationship with the United States continued to undergo a difficult period, and the election year in the U.S. raised the possibility that some changes in American policy may occur, at least in the short run. The first test of this would be the Israeli request for the 10 billion dollar loan guarantees for the absorption of new immigrants. This request stalled, both because of the generally-poor relationship between the U.S. Administration and the Israeli government, and the specific arguments over the question of restrictions on using the money obtained via the loan guarantees for settling new immigrants beyond the pre-1967 boundaries.

The peace process continued, in itself an important achievement. While obviously raising territorial demands which are difficult for Israel to meet, the process also emphasized that Israel's right to exist in secure and recognized boundaries is not to be questioned, and that the agenda included only questions which have to do with Arab claims over the territories they lost in 1967, and not issues which have to do with Israel proper. In addition to this, Israel managed to retain an important measure of control over the issue of Palestinian representation, by excluding the PLO from the process, and by excluding Palestinian politicians who do not officially reside in the territories. Furthermore, the main item on the agenda, as far as the Palestinian issue is concerned, is the Israeli proposal for autonomy, which was offered as early as January 1978. Many Palestinian leaders who had consistently rejected the very notion of autonomy now realize that

this is the best they can get, and that further rejectionism will merely lead to missing yet another important opportunity.

Changes in world politics have immensely enhanced Israel's legitimacy.

The peace process and the changes in world politics, due to the collapse of the Soviet Union, have immensely enhanced Israel's legitimacy. The infamous United Nations resolution condemning Zionism as racism was repealed with a handy majority in late 1991. The Soviet Union (before its disintegration into independent states) renewed diplomatic relations after a hiatus of almost a quarter of a century. Diplomatic links with China and India were also established, thereby helping to normalize Israel's standing in the world community to an extent probably never before experienced in the existence of the state. This opens up new opportunities for Israeli diplomacy as well as commerce, industry and strategic co-operation. However, such opportunities cannot in the long run compensate for the deterioration of the all-important relationship with the United States, if that deterioration indeed continues.

The historical antecedents of the land problem were often ignored.... Why was there no Palestinian state when the territories were in Arab hands? Why was there no peace when there was no land problem?

Also, the peace process demonstrated, yet again, the basic methodological problems facing Israeli diplomacy – as well as the general Israeli public posture – in the framework of peacemaking. Israel is still asked to make irreversible concessions in a concrete currency in return for relatively vague and intangible, and, above all, reversible, assets. Furthermore, the slogan "Land For Peace" gained wide acceptance around the world, whereas the historical antecedents of the land problem were often ignored. Hence, representatives of Israel time and again had to meet a situation in which the 1967 war was taken to be a "given" to be reversed in order to achieve peace. Little patience was shown when they raised questions as to how that war came to be waged in the first place, why there was no Palestinian state when the territories were in Arab hands, and, above all, why there was no peace when there was no land problem. As a result, Israeli insistence on the territorial component of security was frequently taken as a sign of sheer obstina-



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cy or short-sightedness. At the time of the Moscow multi-lateral talks in January, the Syrians and the Palestinians, yet again, played the role of the rejectionists. The fact that the other Arab countries showed up and conducted business as usual in spite of all this did much to emphasize the new realities in the Middle East.

Inside Israel, as is customary, this was accompanied by much internal disagreement. Basic questions as to the need for territory, the nature of peace, a possible freeze on settlements and the willingness to grant the Palestinians a substantial degree of autonomy were subjects of heated debate. Yet public opinion polls show that, in the country, there is a large, non-partisan mainstream, which is committed to the peace process, is willing to undertake territori-

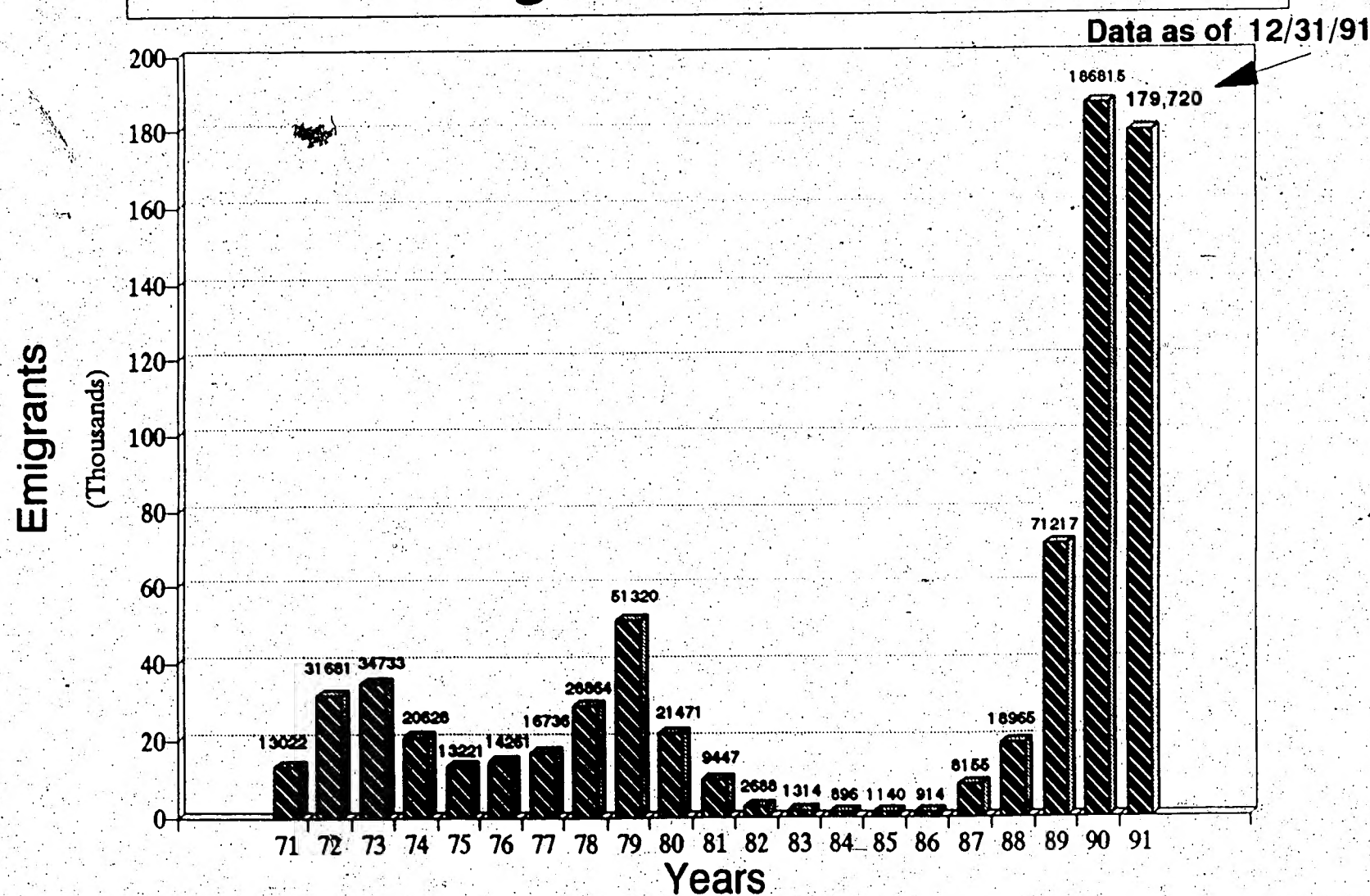
al compromise, takes the idea of Palestinian autonomy seriously, and favourably entertains the idea of a freeze on the settlements while the peace talks continue. Polls also showed that most Israelis continued to worry about security, and that they considered territory a crucially important ingredient of security even in the missile age. All the while, there was increased anxiety about nuclear proliferation affecting the region beyond Iraq via the Libyan and Iranian nuclear projects, the availability of ex-Soviet nuclear experts and expertise for money, and the massive arms deals concluded between Syria on the one hand, and China and Russia on the other. The North Korean missiles reported to have been delivered to Syria stressed that country's centrality as the main strategic threat to Israel. Regional

arms control and disarmament continued to be central concerns which were to be discussed in the multi-lateral talks but, thus far, no progress has been made, particularly as Syria continued to stay away from these talks altogether. Syria continues to attend the bilateral talks, but stays away from the multilateral talks. It insists on making progress on its territorial demands before allowing the process to unfold in a way which will enhance Israel's legitimacy even further.

Canada becomes more deeply involved in the peace process.

Canada took part in the Moscow talks, and then agreed to chair and host the working group dealing with refugee

Jewish Emigration from the USSR



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JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

Emigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union reached unprecedented historical heights. From an all time low in the mid 80's, the number of emigrants exceeded 350,000 during 1990 and 1991 combined.

Based on these figures, it was predicted that one million Jews will arrive in Israel between 1990-1995. We are hopeful that these numbers will be realized.

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questions. This step involved Canada possibly more deeply in the peace process, and made Canadian-Israeli relations more important. While the basic relationship continued to be sound, Canada followed the American line fairly closely, and the deterioration in the U.S.-Israeli relationship had an adverse fallout on the Canadian-Israeli relationship, as well. It remains to be seen what impact Canada's role in the multi-lateral working group will have on the bilateral relationship with Israel, especially as this role may involve Canada in complex dealings with facets of the Palestinian issue. One must also point out that there are still some unresolved problems regarding trade between the two countries, and the Israeli objective to reach a trade regime with Canada such as the preferential one it has both with the United States and the European Community, is nowhere near being accomplished. Needless to say, very few Israelis are alert to Canadian sensitivities involved in issues related to trade regimes ...

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The most important event or rather process, in the life of Israel in the past two or three years, has been the influx of approximately four hundred thousand immigrants from the Soviet Union. This tremendous Zionist feat was celebrated as a modern day miracle, but little practical preparation had taken place, since there seemed little reason that such a miracle would, indeed, materialize. Moreover, the highly educated and skilled character of this aliyah presented a unique challenge in the annals of Zionism, probably unequalled since the German aliyah of the 1930s.

Thus far, the challenge has not been met brilliantly. Although the country has organized a construction operation relatively quickly and, generally, has received the olim (both Soviet and Ethiopian) with open arms, problems of employment are staggering. Many new immigrants are still being retrained, and the full dimensions of the need to create new and skilled jobs are not yet evident.



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What is evident is that the Israeli economy is in need of a massive structural transformation, and, for that, it is imperative to open up the Israeli system, in general, to greater competition, market forces and export orientation. In order to do this, the people in charge have to be imaginative and creative; the routine ways of dealing with medical problems and public health may no longer be relevant when Israel has many thousands of doctors coming to the country, hitting the job market after a period of retraining.

Many Israelis feel that such creativity is not forthcoming, and that the country is, indeed, captive in the hands of the old, routine ways of doing things, when something dramatically different is called for. Many also feel that this seeming ossification in the system has to do with the political immobility evident in the governmental structure. This is the result of the country's electoral system which fragments the political system into innumerable small and unstable political forces. Electoral reform (on the agenda, literally, from time immemorial), has now become an urgent issue for hundreds of thousands

of Israelis, and the bill for direct election of the Prime Minister was "killed" in the Knesset with great difficulty. At the same time, the Labour Party experimented, for the first time, with direct primaries electing the candidate of the Party for Prime Minister. These phenomena can be considered as indications of the wish of the Israeli public to introduce change and competition into the various segments of the political, social and economic systems in the country, and, undoubtedly, more demands of this kind are yet to come.

The twin challenges of making peace while maintaining security, and the absorption of masses of skilled immigrants should not be considered a burden, but, on the contrary, a welcome opportunity to take stock of what has been achieved, and where change is badly needed. It is in the nature of successful revolutions of which Zionism is a prime example that, in certain stages of their development, they tend to lose some of the "momentum" characteristic of their early evolution, and to settle into a routine which is not necessarily the best recipe for the longer run. In such cases, it is often imperative to introduce change into the various systems. The high-quality mass immigration of the present is an excellent catalyzer for reinvigorating Israeli society, and making it respond to the concrete challenges posed by new economic and political realities.

That this challenge can be met at a time when the peace process has enhanced the standing and the legitimacy of the country in the community of nations, augurs well for the future. Yet, in the quiet revolution which will occur, there is still one factor missing; a more profitable partnership with the Jewish communities in the Diaspora in order to utilize their entrepreneurship and creative energies for modernizing the Zionist enterprise.

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There Are Still Hostages in the Middle East!



Written by Syria's Minister of Defense, Mustafa Tlas, "The Matza of Zion" revives the old, scurrilous blood libel charge. He accuses Jews of killing people and using their blood to make MATZA FOR YOM KIPPUR.

THERE ARE STILL HOSTAGES IN THE MIDDLE EAST!

by Helen Cooper

We live in historic times. All over the world walls are tumbling down. Jews are coming home to be reunited with family and friends.

But the 4300 Jews of Syria are still a captive community. They live at the mercy of a cruel, despotic regime hemmed in by restrictions, harassed and intimidated. Their lives are punctuated by arbitrary arrests and torture.

The freedom to emigrate is a basic human right. It is guaranteed by The Universal Declaration of Human Rights to which Syria is a signatory. The Jews of Syria want to leave. President Assad will not let them go. Instead, he holds them in an iron vise of fear.

Visas are denied. Attempts to escape are harshly punished. Communities are held responsible for actions of individuals. Amnesty International, the League For Human Rights and Middle East Watch all document mass arrests, imprisonments without trial, the denial of legal rights, medical aid and access to family. Prisoners die under torture. Often, the government imprisons rela-

tives of suspects they cannot find.

The Syrian government denies that its Jews are treated differently than other Syrians. "There are absolutely no restrictions on Jewish citizens," claim high ranking officials.

Yet, Jews are singled out. They are the only group whose religion is marked on their identity card. They cannot vote nor hold many government jobs. They are barred from certain professional and educational opportunities. The purchase, transfer or sale of Jewish property is heavily controlled. By law, all Jewish schools must have Muslim headmasters.

In the best joke at the Madrid Peace Conference, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa portrayed his country as a champion of human rights. He stated, "Jews have never known a level of security and tolerance and equality they have enjoyed in the lands of Arabs and Muslims".

Syria's 4300 Jews live under the watchful eyes of the dreaded Mukhabarat. This special branch of the Secret Police is assigned exclusively to monitor their actions. They patrol the Jewish Quarter 24 hours a day. Non-residents must obtain permission to enter the Jewish area. Contacts between Syrian Jews and foreigners are moni-

tored. Letters and phone calls are subject to censorship. "They keep dossiers on every Jew and closely follow their movements, money and foreign communication," says the **Human Rights in Syrian Middle East Watch Report**. "No other community in Syria faces such heavy surveillance and none is made to feel so completely powerless."

Foreign Minister al-Sharaa claims Syria's Jews have "always lived in grace and dignity."

But the Syrian government openly distributes viciously anti-Semitic litera-

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There Are Still Hostages in the Middle East!



ture. Defense Minister Moustafa Tlas has published *Fatir Sahhyum* - "The Matza of Zion". It is distributed throughout the Arab world. Tlas writes, "...the Jew may come by and put you in his sack to kill you and suck your blood for the Matza of Zion." Syrian representatives stand before United Nations conferences proclaiming this to be true.

Syrian Ministry of Education text books teach, "...the Jews are scattered to the end of the earth where they live exiled and despised, since, by their nature they are vile, greedy enemies of mankind." (**The Religious Ordinances Reader for Junior High**). Is this the "grace and dignity" of which Minister al-Sharaa is so proud?

The hallmark of a government's policy is not what it says, but what it does.

At the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary, delegates will learn the facts.

All over the world the doors are opening. Everywhere, Jews are stepping out into the warm sunlight of new freedoms. In this age of possibilities, we must be sure that the doors open for the anguished Jews of Syria. They await reunification with our people.

We cry out for the freedom of these captives.

Will you join with us?

Helen Cooper is Vice Chairman of the National Task Force For Syrian Jewry

CANADIAN TASK FORCE

The National Task Force for Syrian Jewry is chaired by Judy Feld-Carr.

Pursuant to its mandate, the Task Force has been action-oriented. It is structured to move swiftly and to perform its prime function of rendering assistance to Jews forced to remain in Syria.

It also acts as an advocacy unit in representations to the Canadian and world governments to bring pressure to bear on the Syrian government to remove emigration prohibitions and redress human rights grievances.

Its members across Canada individually bring current information on Syrian Jews to various organizations in their communities.

Since its inception, the National Task Force has set the pace world-wide for Syrian Jewry initiatives.

For further information contact The National Task Force on Syrian Jewry, 4600 Bathurst Street, Willowdale, Ontario, (416) 635-2883, ext. 180.

On Tuesday, December 27
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Does North American Jewry Have a Future?



JEWISH CONTINUITY: ISSUES AND STRATEGIES

By Professor Stuart Schoenfeld

The plenary on Jewish continuity has a rather sober title, "Does North American Jewry have a future?" After two generations, the Holocaust and the reemergence of a Jewish state are fading from memory to history. As new generations of Jews in North America come into the community, how do they understand their place in Jewish history? To what extent are North American Jews voluntarily committed to participation in a community of shared responsibility and to the passing on of that commitment?

Recent publications have helped spread the concern that the future of North American Jewry is in jeopardy. The 1991 Report of the Commission on Jewish Education in North America begins with the statement, "The Jewish community of North America is facing a crisis of major proportions." The 1990 National Jewish Population Study in the U.S. reports that since 1985, more than half of Jews who married intermarried. While the statistics are not so high in Canada, the 1987 Canadian Jewish Congress report on "Assimilation, Inter-marriage and Jewish Identity" shows that the trend is in the same direction.

In Canada, we have a community of over 300,000. It is a growing community, as significant immigration continues. However, despite growth, there are other developments which raise questions about continuity. Growth of the Jewish population is uneven. While Ontario and British Columbia have growing numbers of Jews, other local communities are getting smaller. Our population also includes a growing number of second and third generation Canadian Jews who appear not to be participating in Jewish life to the same extent as their parents. **The Jewish birth rate in Canada is lower than the replacement level.** Local communities are having difficulty maintaining the range and quality of Jewish community services that have been established.

What contradictions. More Jewish children in day schools than ever and more intermarriages taking place than ever.

What a challenge, and what a creative opportunity. What contradictions. More Jewish children in day schools than ever and more intermarriages taking place than ever. A sophisticated network of hundreds of organizations which provide cradle to the grave services to the Jewish population and a feeling at the grass roots that large numbers of people aren't connecting but are choosing to be in other settings instead. A Jewish leadership cadre who are committed, energetic and articulate and many Jews who feel that the Jewish leadership does not speak for them. More prosperity and social acceptance than ever and the feeling among some Jews that those who choose to be highly involved in Jewish life are parochial and narrowminded.

Conclusions about what strategies produce committed Jews depend on what is used to measure commitment.

In the plenary on Jewish continuity there will be data presented and evaluated on the involvement of American and Canadian Jews in Jewish life. What lessons can be learned from this kind of data? Can we learn how committed North American Jews are maintaining a distinctive identity and acting in a distinctively Jewish way? Can we learn what types of Jewish life North American Jews find most persuasive? Can we learn which types of Jewish life are most likely to be reproduced from one generation to another?

It is likely we will hear about all these things, and more, and some words of caution are in order. Conclusions about what strategies produce committed Jews depend on what is used to measure commitment. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that a strategy of Jewish continuity which was a good response to the social conditions of the 1960s is the right strategy for the 1990s.

In the workshops, we will have the opportunity to explore the question of Jewish continuity as an issue for educators, for families, on university campuses and among Jewish singles. In all of these areas, we have recently had the word "crisis" used. Each is seen as one setting of the crisis of North American Jewish life.

In the plenary and in the workshops, we will also hear about new initiatives and strategies. The most ambitious initiatives on the Jewish continuity agenda are in the area of education. The Commission on Jewish Education in North America urges community leaders to recognize that **Jewish education, in a wide variety of settings, throughout the life-cycle, is a major aspect of Jewish life.** It recommends major new investments in building a community of learned and learning Jews through professional development, the mobilization of community leaders to place Jewish education at the top of federation agendas and the selection of a few "lead communities" to pioneer the implementation of this vision.

Besides their implications for Jewish schools, the initiatives recommended by the commission have implications for the topics of other workshops. Jewish education, broadly conceived of as an "emotionally, intellectually and spiritually" compelling engagement with Jewish ideas, gives university students and single adults a way of staying connected with Jewish life, or of reconnecting.

Does North American Jewry Have a Future?



Similarly, we are coming to see the family as one of the major settings for new initiative in Jewish education. Nobody takes a good family life for granted now, least of all Jews. Jewish young adults have to make their way in a climate of cultural pessimism and weakening social supports for family life. We are continually informed about predictions of economic decline and possible environmental collapse, about abusive relationships in families and years of pain after divorce. In this context, choosing to marry and bring chil-

dren into the world is a courageous, even daring, act. Our families are our heroes, keeping faith with the Jewish affirmation of continuity and optimism about the future. The field of Jewish family education is exploding because the community recognizes that it has a chance to respond to this commitment by helping these families succeed.

The workshop on Jewish continuity will involve delegates in more than "problems", even though there is much talk of "crisis". The workshops are part of the process of involving delegates in

the vision of a richer life through involvement in the Jewish community, in the opportunities to use the resources of our heritage to carry our community with confidence into another generation and many generations beyond that.

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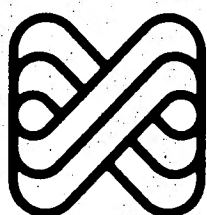
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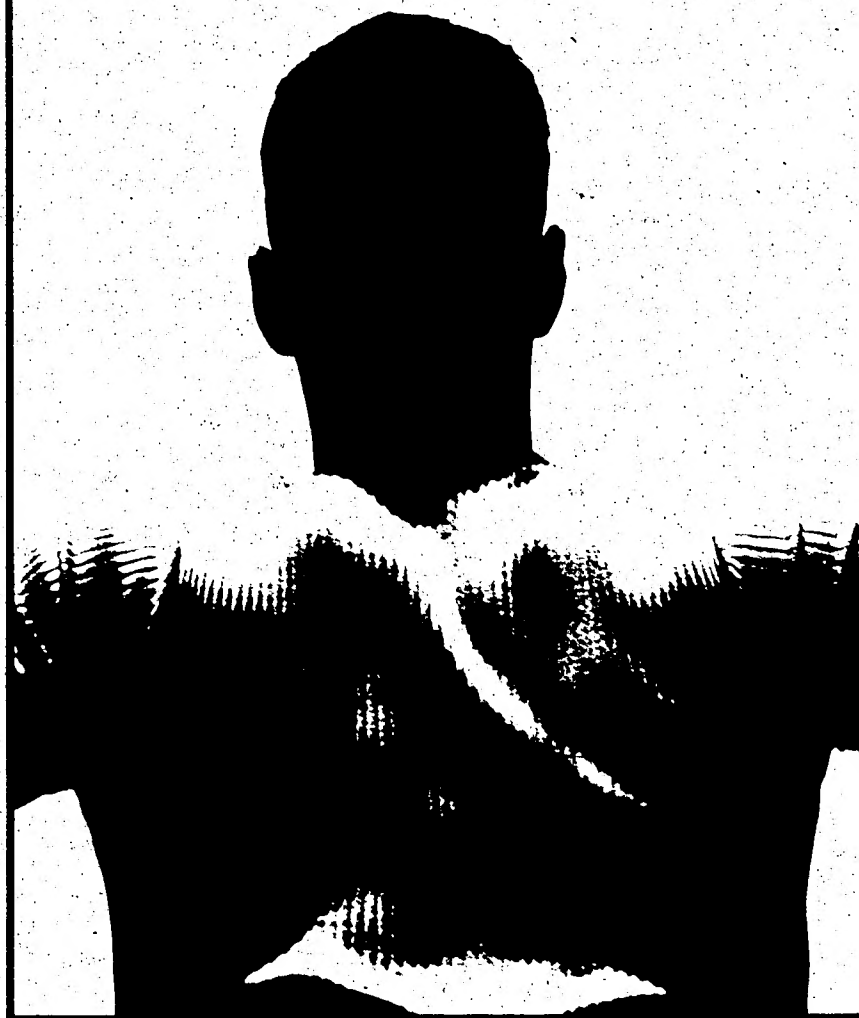
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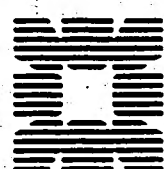
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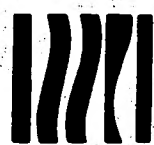
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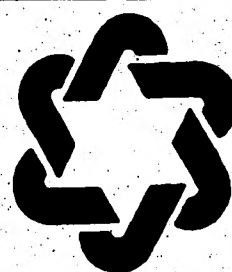
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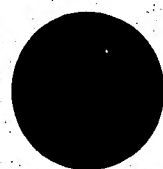
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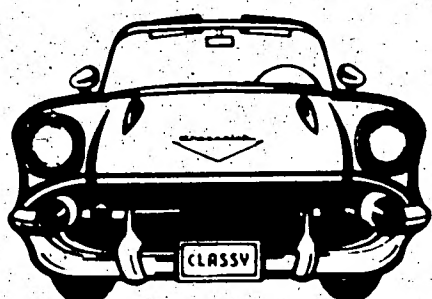
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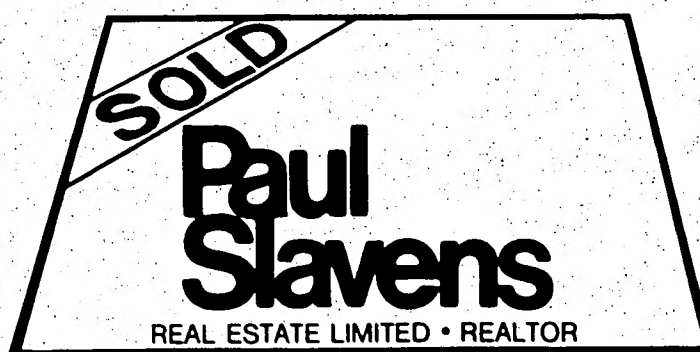


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For the first time in its history, CJC held its National Executive meeting in Israel in January, 1991. One hundred and fifty persons travelled from Canada. Among the sessions was a media panel discussion moderated by Eric W. Slavens (second from right), Chairman of CJC Ontario Region. Journalists (from left) are: Avinoam Bar Yosef, *Maariv*; David Bar-Ilan, *Jerusalem Post*; Mark Lavie, *CBC Radio*, and Bob Hepburn, *Toronto Star*.

2
Congress leaders visited Israel in November, 1990, prior to embarking on a fact-finding mission to Eastern Europe. CJC Chairman of the National Executive Moshe Ronen (left) and President Les Scheininger present to Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir a copy of Irving Abella's book on Canadian Jewish history, *A Coat of Many Colours*.



3
During the Gulf War, members of a Toronto-area Solidarity Mission to Israel of Christians and Jews gather – gas masks at the ready – in the lobby of the Jerusalem Sheraton Hotel. One of the participants in the mission (at extreme right) was Manuel Prutschi, CJC National Director of Community Relations.
(Wolf Kutnahorsky Photo)



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4
Maggie Ip of Vancouver, chairperson of SUC-CESS (United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society), greets Ethiopian newcomer to Israel at absorption centre in Jerusalem. She was part of CJC's Ethnocultural Community Leadership Mission to Israel in July, 1991. The mission brought together 13 leaders from eight ethnocultural communities across the country.

5
Some of the participants in the Canadian Christian-Jewish Consultation Mission to Israel in November, 1990 review their itinerary. From left, they are: Dr. Heather Johnston, President, Canadian Christian-Jewish Consultation; Rabbi Howard Joseph, CJC Religious and Interreligious Affairs Committee Chairman; CJC Executive Vice-President Alan Rose, and Prof. William Dunphy, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto.

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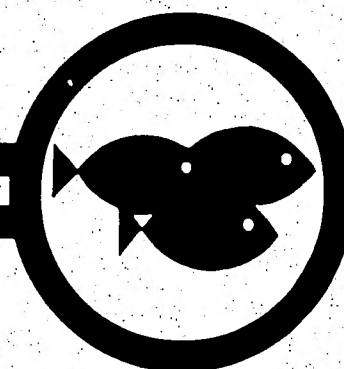


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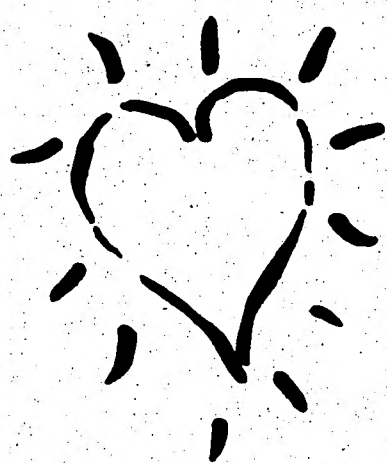
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